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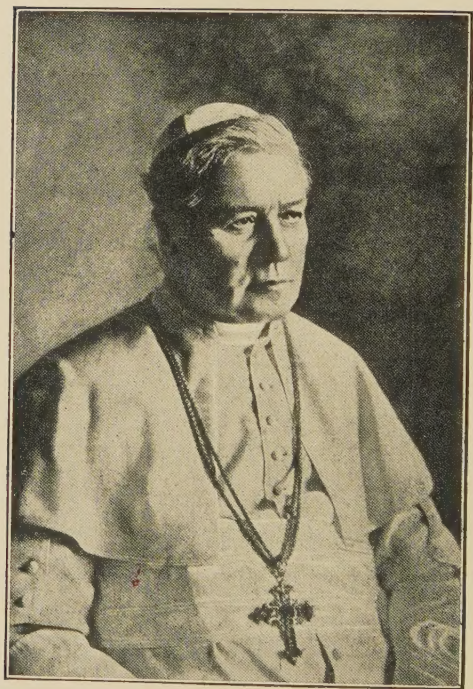


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"You have not chosen me; but I have chosen you;"--

"If the world hate you, know ye, that it hath hated me
before you."

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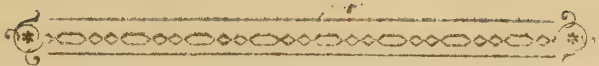
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PREFACE.



THE design of the present book is, I believe, entirely novel, its object not being merely interest or instruction,—though it will be found to subserve both purposes,—but strictly practical.

We already possess in English two excellent volumes by Miss J. M. Steele, entitled respectively "*Monasteries and Religious Houses of Great Britain and Ireland*," and "*The Convents of Great Britain*," giving historical and descriptive accounts of our Religious Orders of Men and Women.

Dr. Hohn's smaller book, on the other hand, is addressed not to the general reading public, but specially to such Directors and Confessors as may be consulted by young people, who feel that they have

a vocation to some form of the religious life, and who seek advice as to the Institute for which they are most fitted.

For again, it may be usefully consulted by aspirants themselves for guidance in this vital question of a life's decision.

I can bear witness to the great amount of labour and the untiring industry which has been required from the zealous author in carrying out his plan, inspired as he has been by the earnest desire to help souls and further vocations.

It seems to me that the volume may, with God's blessing, be destined to effect much good in the direction aimed at by the Compiler.

I understand that Dr. Hehn has in hand a companion book for the benefit of young women seeking an entrance into Conventual life.

It only remains for me to commend this small handbook to the notice of those who tax

the direction of our, and to pray that God would bless the work and the writer who devotes his pen so perseveringly to the furtherance of all religious objects.

✠ *Louis Charles,*

Bishop of Salford.

St. Bede's College,

Manchester, N.W.

Aug. 11, 1910.



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Alexian Brothers.*



Object of the Order:—

Self sanctification, and spiritual and corporal
Works of Charity.

Health and respective qualifications:—

The applicant must produce Doctor's Certificate testifying good health.

Pecuniary means required for Admission:—

No pecuniary means are required for admission.

Age of Candidates:—

Postulants are received from 19 to 30 years of age. The Noviciate lasts two years.

References, etc.:—

The usual Certificates and References required by Religious Orders must be produced by those seeking admission.

Future employment:—

Nursing the sick, attending the aged and infirm.

Postal Address of the Noviciate:—

Twyford Abbey, Willesden, London, N.W.

Other Establishments :—

St. Mary's House, Newton Heath,
Manchester ;

St Joseph's Cemetery, Moston, Manchester .

They have also several houses on the
Continent, with their parent-house at
Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany ;

In America the Brothers have five establish-
ments.

For application or further information apply to:—

The Novice Master, Twyford Abbey,
Willesden, London, N.W.

*The Order of The Alexian Brothers was founded in the beginning of the 14th Century, when what was known as the Black Plague broke out in Germany.

At various times, like many other Orders, they had to undergo persecutions, trials and difficulties. They received Bulls of Approbation and Confirmation of their Constitution from the Holy See, and after undergoing some changes in their title, took St. Alexis as their Patron, and thenceforth were known as Alexian Brothers.

Since 1877, when the Holy See again approved and confirmed their new Constitution, they have rapidly spread over Germany, Belgium, England and America. They came to England in 1875, and took charge of the New Catholic Cemetery at Moston, Manchester, containing about 30 acres, and in which about 65,000 interments have since taken place. They have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered once a week, and there are daily devotions for the repose of the souls of those who lie buried within.

In 1879, the Brothers opened St. Mary's Home, Newton Heath, Manchester, for the retired aged and infirm. This is now being transformed into a Nursing Institute, provided with Medical Appliances for the Reception of Patients, the training of Male Nurses for the Institute, and for attending the Sick in their own homes.

In 1901, they were fortunate in obtaining possession of Twyford Abbey, Ealing, London, W., an ideal spot for Convalescents, and those requiring Medical Treatment.

Young men and means are urgently wanted to undertake and extend other good works which they have been asked to assume.

Augustinians

(Primitive).



Age of Candidates :—

Priests are admitted at any age.

Lay Brothers must not be over 30 years of age.

Pecuniary Means required :—

Nil

Health and respective qualifications :—

A Medical Certificate of good health must be produced.

From those already Priests the latter is not required.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

Candidates for the Priesthood must have passed through the ordinary course of humanities. The latter may be completed after admission into the Order.

For a Lay-Brother a useful trade or some technical knowledge is required.

Time of Noviciate :—

Two years in both cases.

Course and Time of Higher Studies :—

One year philosophy.

Three years' theology.

The Order possesses several distinguished Abbeys on the Continent,

For application or further information, apply to :—

Right Rev, General Kommissar,

Munnsterstadt, Bavaria.

Augustinians of the Assumption.

(usually called Assumptionist Fathers.)



Object of the Congregation :—

All Apostolic Works, by means of teaching, preaching, the press, missions, social works, and in general any work demanded by the Pope, or exacted by existing circumstances.

Health and respective Qualifications :—

The Rule, although it does not impose vigorous mortifications, requires a health sufficiently robust for a very active life.

Pecuniary Means required for Admission :—

The Congregation does not ask for any dowry from the Religious, but it can exact an annual pension for the entire period of the Noviciate.

Age of Candidates :—

No age is specified — there is a house especially for late vocations.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

- a* The boys admitted into the Apostolic Schools follow a six years' course of Studies (classical).
- b* Before joining the Noviciate, the classical course of Studies must have been followed.
- c* Those who would wish to enter the Noviciate, but whose classical course of Studies is either not begun or incomplete, must enter the "House for late vocations."

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

- a* Birth Certificate.
- b* Baptismal Certificate.
- c* Letter of Reference from the Bishop

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts for two years, the second of which may be passed in one of the Branch Houses.

There is a special Noviciate for the Lay-Brothers.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Before Ordination for the priesthood, the religious go through a seven years' course

of Study (Philosophy, Theology, Holy Scripture, etc.).

Future Employment:—

According to the judgment of Superiors, the subjects are applied to teaching, or preaching or to Missions.

For application or further information, apply to—

The Very Rev. Father Superior The Priory,
1, Old Ford Road, Bethnal Green,
London, N.E.

The Congregation of the Augustinians of the Assumption (*vulgo Assumptionists*), was founded in 1845 by the Rev. Father Emmanuel d'Alzon a great friend of both Cardinals Wiseman and Manning. The fundamental Rule is that of St. Augustine. The Assumptionists share in many spiritual privileges of the Order of the Augustinians: they have the same Habit and have the same Breviary.

Their life being essentially religious and apostolic they have a characteristic zeal of their own for the promotion of the Kingdom of Christ, and demonstrate the most filial obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff; hence their Apostolic life is to be fully in accordance with the most urgent needs of the Church and the appeals of the Roman Pontiffs.

To this spirit is due the carrying out of so many well-known Apostolic works since the first religious vows were made by the Founder and his disciples, in 1850. This Congregation took prominent part in the battles for the freedom of teaching (secondary and superior), for the restoration of the Roman Liturgy in France, and for the defence of the rights of the Holy See.

Father E. d'Alzon was the Founder of the Association of St. Francis of Sales established in France for the Conversion of Protestants.

By the means of the Association of "Notre Dame du Salut," national prayers were organised throughout France, after the national distress in 1870, and large pilgrimages were taken to Rome, to Lourdes, and to Jerusalem.

Father V. Bailly, one of the first disciples of the Founder, started the good work called "La Bonne Presse," and "La Croix" is well known as an important Catholic paper.

At the request of Pius IX, the Assumptionist Fathers have directed a great part of their efforts to the reclaim to the fold of the Catholic Church, the various wayward tribes in the East. Encouraged by Leo XIII, they organised several Eastern Seminaries and appealed to a certain number of their members to adopt Greek or Slav Rite.

One of the most characteristic foundations of Father d'Alzon is "Les Alumnaats," under the protection of Our Lady of Vocations. These Apostolic schools have given more than 500 priests to the Church; they differ from others by the fact that absolute freedom is given to the students after the completion of their classic studies to join either the secular or the religious clergy.

Father E. d'Alzon founded the Sisters Oblates of the Assumption who work in the missions in the East and in Bulgaria; he took an important part in the foundation of the "Ladies of the Assumption," whose purpose is the education of the higher classes and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Father E. Benet, one of his first disciples, founded the Little Sisters of the Assumption who devote themselves to nursing gratuitously the sick poor in their own homes.

Adveniat Regnum tuum, is the motto of the Assumptionists.



Augustinian Hermits.

(Order known in pre-Reformation times as
The Austin Friars.)



Object of the Order:—

The Order of the Augustinian Hermits is both active and contemplative. The active life consists in ordinary church work, the giving of missions, and teaching. The contemplative life is divided between prayer, celebration of the Divine Office, and intellectual works.

Health and respective qualifications:—

A medical certificate of sound health is required from each aspirant.

Pecuniary means required for Admission:—

For aspirants to the Priesthood generally, a pension of £20 or £25 per annum for four years is required. In this matter, however, the Provincial takes circumstances into account and uses his discretion.

No pecuniary means are required from Lay-Brothers.

Age of Candidates:—

Candidates for the Priesthood are accepted from 16 years of age. No age is determined with regard to Brothers.

Preparatory training or Studies required :—

For Students for the Priesthood, the entrance examination corresponds to the middle grade intermediate course in Ireland.

As regards lay-brothers, no preparatory training is required.

Certificates, References, etc., Required :—

- a* Certificate of Baptism.
- b* Certificate of Confirmation.
- c* *Litteræ Dimisoriales*.

Time of Noviciate : —

The Noviciate lasts one year both for Priests and Brothers.

Lay-Brothers must spend five years as "Oblati" before they can be admitted to Noviceship.

Course and time of Studies :—

One year's rhetoric ; two year's philosophy, and four year's sacred theology.

Future Employment :—

The nature of future employment can be determined from "The Object of the Order."

Postal Address of the Noviciate :—

St. Augustine's, Orlagh, Rathfarnham, Co.
Dublin.

The Augustinian Hermits have 10 Houses
in Ireland and 3 in England, the latter
belong to the Irish Province.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Father Prior, Orlagh, Rathfarnham,
Co. Dublin.



Benedictines.

(Beuron Congregation
of the Order of Saint Benedict.)



Object of the Order :—

To glorify God, sanctify its members, promote the interests of the Church, by Liturgical Prayer, Sacred Studies, and Apostolic Work.

Health and respective Qualifications required :—

Good health and a family history free from hereditary disease.

Pecuniary means :—

According to circumstances. It is desirable that all expenses should be paid up to the time of Profession.

Age of Candidates :—

Choir Postulants :—*i.e.* Candidates for Priesthood are accepted when they have completed their classical studies ;

Lay Brothers :—Are not usually received before their eighteenth year, and cannot be professed until they are twenty one.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

Choir postulants must have finished their preparatory studies, so as to be ready at the close of their Noviceship to enter the School of Philosophy

Lay brothers must have a trade or sufficient capacity to learn one.

References, etc., required for admission :—

Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation, and satisfactory references are required in all cases.

Time of Noviciate :—

Choir monks have a postulantcy of some months followed by a noviciate of one year.

Lay-brothers remain for six months as candidates without the habit, after which they have a postulantcy of one year, and a noviciate of two years.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The ordinary course—two years of philosophy and four years of theology.

Future Employment :—

The Choir monk's chief work is to carry on the solemn Liturgical Services of the Church, but he may be employed in administrative or Apostolic work, or sacred studies, or literary or artistic employments, according to his capacity.

Postal Address of Noviciate-House :—

St. Thomas' Abbey, Erdington, Birmingham.

For application, or further information, apply to :—

The Right Rev. Lord Abbot, O.S.B. ; or
The Master of Novices (*as above*).

Benedictines.

(Cassinese Congregation
of the Order of Saint Benedict)
Primitive Observance, French Province.



Object of the Order :—

Contemplative and active life— Choir Office
night and day, study, active life, missions,
retreats, parochial work.

Health and respective qualifications :—

The candidate must enjoy a good health to be
able to carry on the main observances of
the Rule : *i.e.* perpetual abstinence and
night office Lay brothers must have
sufficient health and strength to perform
manual labours.

Pecuniary means required for admission :—

Pecuniary means, however desirable they may
be, are not essential for admission, whether
for Priesthood or for condition of lay-brother.

Age of candidates :—

Candidates are accepted at any age from 14
for Priesthood and from 20 for Brother.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

For Priesthood it is required that the Candi-
date should be able to go through the
ordinary course of study : humanity, philo-
sophy and theology.

For Brother it is required that the candidates should have the elementary knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

References, etc., required :—

Certificates of Baptism, and Confirmation, References as stated in Canon Law, viz. : Testimonials from the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Candidate was born : moreover, from the Bishop of the Diocese in which he may have lived for one year after his 16th year of age. A reference from the Parish Priest must also be produced.

Time of Noviciate :—

The time of Noviciate, which is the same for Priests and Brothers, is a full year from the taking of the habit.

Course and time of Studies :—

The course of studies is the ordinary one gone through in seminaries : about 2 year's philosophy and 4 year's theology.

Future employment :—

Candidates must be ready to be employed as their Superiors shall deem it best, viz. : Missionary Work, Teaching, Study, or Manual Labour.

Postal Address of Abbey and Noviciate :—

The address of the Abbey is : Caermaria, Llechryd-Boncath, South Wales.

For application or further information, apply to :—

The Right Rev. Lord Abbot, O.S.B. (as above)

Benedictines.

(English Congregation of the Order of
St. Benedict.)



Object of the Order:—

- a.* Celebration of the Divine Office at the Canonical hours;
- b.* Sacred Studies and Teaching ;
- c.* Apostolic Work.

Health and respective qualifications:—

Candidates must enjoy fairly good health sufficiently strong to support community life, and to become useful members of the Congregation.

Pecuniary means required for admission:—

According to circumstances.—By rule all expenses should be defrayed up to the time of profession, and for Choir-Monks a pension may be demanded.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates who have completed their classical studies may become Postulants at any age. Lay Brothers are not usually admitted before their twentieth year of age.

Preparatory training or studies :—

For Choir Postulants the ordinary course of humanities is required ;

For Lay-Brother the elementary knowledge of the Catholic Faith is sufficient.

References, etc., required :—

- a* Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation ;
- b*. Satisfactory References from the Parish Priest, Spiritual Director, and Superior of Institution.

Time of Noviciate :—

Candidates are first Postulants for some months at least. After that the Noviciate lasts *one* year for Choir-Monks, and *two* years for Lay-Brothers. The Noviciate is at Belmont.

Future Employment :—

Liturgical Services of the Church, Teaching, Missionary Work, Study, or Manual Labour.

Benedictine Abbays belonging to the English Congregation :—

St. Gregory's Abbey, Downside, Bath ;

St. Lawrence's Abbey, Ampleforth, York ;

St. Edmund's Abbey, Dowai, France ;

St. Michael's Cathedral Priory, Clehonger,
Hereforth.

In America the Congregation owns establishments in Chicago ; Baltimore ; New Orleans ; New York ; Mount Angel, Oregon ; Altoona ; etc., etc.



Benedictines.

(Soleismes Congregation
of the Order of St. Benedict.)



Object of the Order :—

Contemplative Life, divided between :—

a.—*Prayer*, especially Celebration of the
Divine Office,

b.—*Intellectual Work*,

c.—*Active Missionary Work* may also be
done occasionally, if ordered by the
Abbot.

Health and respective qualifications :—

As there are no extraordinary mortifications,
ordinary health is sufficient.

The Monks rise at 4 o'clock a.m., and have
at least 7 hours' sleep; they abstain from
meat about 200 days in the year.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

For Choir-Monks a pension is regularly
required, the amount of which is fixed by
arrangement between the Abbot and the
Candidate.

For Lay Brothers, the work which they do
is reputed as a pension.

*Candidates are accepted for Priesthood or Lay
Brothers :—*

At 16 years of age.

Preparatory training or studies required :—

For Choir-Monks, the ordinary course of humanities is required ;

For Lay Brothers, nothing special.

Certificates, References, &c., required :—

A Certificate from a Priest (Parish Priest), Confessor, or Superior of Institution, who has known the Candidate at least during the two years which immediately precede his application.

Time of Noviciate :—

Candidates are first postulants for one year, during which they wear the habit and follow the exercises of the Noviciate ; the postulancy may be shortened by the Abbot.

After that, the time of Noviciate is one year for Choir-Monks, and two years for Lay Brothers.

Course and time of Studies :—

After the Noviciate, for Choir-Monks : two years philosophy and four years theology.

Postal Address of Abbey and Noviciate :—

St. Michael's Abbey, Farnborough, Hants. Farnborough Abbey belongs to the Solesmes Congregation, O.S.B. The particulars here given concern the above Monastery only.

For Application, or further information apply to :—

The Master of Novices, or the Lord Abbot (Address as above).

Brothers of Charity.



Object of the Congregation :—

The Congregation of the Brothers of Charity is a Society whose object is the sanctification of its members by the practice of the monastic virtues and the exercise of works of charity.

These works consist mainly in maintaining and ministering to the aged, the sick and the insane ; in sheltering poor workmen ; in educating and training children of all classes, but principally the poor and the orphan, juvenile offenders, the deaf and dumb, and the blind ; in fine, all other works of charity of a similar nature.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates must be in perfect health, and being called to live in community with others, they must be of good, sound mind, and sociable disposition.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Whenever possible, candidates should bring a dowry, and the necessary clothing for the time of probation. Unless in very exceptional circumstances £5 is considered the minimum.

Age at which Candidates are accepted :—

Candidates are accepted from 16 to 28 years of age.

For the Preparatory Noviciate, from 14 to 15 years of age.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

No Priests may apply as candidates, nor must Brothers aspire to the Priesthood.

As the Congregation devotes itself not only to the teaching and training of youth, but also to tending the sick and the aged and to other corporal works of mercy, applicants with but an elementary education, if otherwise fit, are also eligible.

References, etc. :—

The Postulants must be provided with :—

- a A Certificate of good conduct from the Parish Priest or Confessor,
- b The Bishop's Testimonial. (Apost Decree, Jan. 25th, 1848.)
- c Extracts of Baptism and Confirmation,
- d A Medical Certificate of Health,

Time of Noviciate :—

Probation as Postulants (lay dress) : three to six months,

Noviciate (after taking the Habit) : one full year,

First vows : Yearly for three years.

Second vows : One term of three years, then Perpetual Vows,

Course and time of Studies :—

According to capacities and age.

Future Employment :—

Works of Mercy at the discretion of the Superior General,

Postal Address of Noviciate :—

English Province :—Rev. Provincial, Brothers of Charity, Tulketh Hall, Preston, England.

Other Establishments :—

Buckley Hall Orphanage, Rochdale ; St. Thomas' and Tulketh Hall Boys' Homes, Preston ; St. Edward's School and Orphanage, Broad Green, Liverpool ; St. Patrick's Private Asylum, Waterford, Ireland. St. Cuthbert's Preparatory Noviciate, Thingwall Hall, Broad Green, Liverpool.

For Application or further information apply to :—

Rev. Brother Provincial, Tulketh Hall, Preston, England.

Brothers of the Christian Schools.



Object of the Congregation :—

The Institute of the Brothers of Christian Schools is a religious Congregation, whose Members devote themselves to the Christian Education of youth, especially of the poor. Their establishments comprise Gratuitous, Intermediate, Art, Industrial, and Agricultural Schools ; Colleges, Orphanages and Training Colleges for Teachers.

Health and respective qualifications :—

- a. *Physical*.—Good health and appearance.
- b. *Intellectual*.—Good judgment ; ability to become a teacher, or to exercise some other office in the community.
- c. *Moral*.—Piety and love of virtue ; a docile and sociable disposition.

Pecuniary means, etc. required for admission :—

The Entrance Fee is £20, which may be paid in instalments. The Religious outfit is £3, and is charged at the time of recep-

tion of the Holy Habit. As regards the Admission Outfit, consisting of various articles of clothing, apply for Prospectus.

The institute bears all further expenses in connection with the training and maintenance of its subjects, who all enjoy the same privileges.

Should a subject leave the Institute, or be excluded from it, he cannot demand indemnity or pension or assistance of any kind, whatever may have been his position. On the other hand, the Institute will not make any claim on him for the expenses of his studies, training and support.

Age of Candidates :—

In the Junior Department boys are admitted from the age of *fourteen* ; they receive a thorough education, suitable to their age, and are gradually prepared for the religious life. Having completed their sixteenth year, they are promoted to the Senior Department.

Young men over *sixteen* years of age are admitted directly to the Senior Department. After a time if found worthy, they receive the Habit of the Order.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

a. Certificate of Candidate's Baptism ;

- b. Recommendation of his Parish Priest ;
- c. Registrar's certificate of birth ;
- d. Doctor's certificate of good health.

Time of Noviciate :—

The time of Noviceship is one year, but the Novice is not admitted to Vows until he has completed his second year's probation. After the Noviceship the young subject completes his studies, in the Scholasticate and Training College, extending over a term of about four years.

Postal Address of Noviciate :—

De La Salle Retreat, Castletown, Mount-
rath, Queen's County ;

Other Establishments :—

De La Salle Training College, Waterford ;
De La Salle House, 35, Falls Road, Belfast ;
De La Salle Monastery, Dundalk ;
St. Patrick's Monastery, Castlebar ; or
St. Joseph's College, Beulah Hill, London, S. E.

For Application or further information apply to :—

Rev. Brother Superior,

Brother Hospitallers of St. John of God.



Object of the Order :—

Nursing the Sick and Infirm, men and boys.
The Brothers have the management of a large number of Hospitals for the Sick, Homes for the infirm and the old, Asylums, Asylum Dispensaries, and Benevolent Houses, etc.

The Superior-General resides in Rome.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates for the Order must have a good character and good health. They must also be free from noticeable bodily deformity.

Pecuniary means required for admission :—

No pecuniary means are required.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates are accepted from the age of 15 to 35.

Preparatory training or studies required :—

The Brothers undergo a special course of training in order to fit them for carrying out the different works of charity to which they devote their lives. They attend the sick and infirm in their own hospitals and

perform the usual duties and pious exercises of the religious life. They assist daily at Holy Mass, meditations, the recital in choir of the office of Our Lady.

Certificates, references, etc., required:—

- a. A character from the Parish Priest ; also
- b. A Certificate of Birth and Baptism.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Religious Habit is given to postulants after three months. The time of Noviciate is two years, after which the Novice makes Profession of Simple Vows. Three year's later he can be admitted to solemn Profession.

Postal Address of the Noviciate :—

Hospital St. John of God, Scorton, near Darlington, Yorkshire.

The Hospital of Scorton is for the reception of male patients suffering from chronic infirmities and paralysis, old age, etc.

The Brothers have another house in Stillorgan, near Dublin, Ireland.

For application or further information, apply to :—

Rev. Brother Prior, Hospital St. John of God, Scorton, near Darlington, Yorkshire

Brothers of St. Joseph.

(Commonly called Brothers of Holy Cross).



Object of the Order :—

- a. Self-Sanctification.
- b. Education of Youth.
- c. To assist the Clergy of the parish in every possible capacity. [The Brothers, who while bound together by a common rule, are still free to go individually to any parish that demands their services.]*

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health, freedom from hereditary disease, or noticeable deformity, zeal for one's own perfection, and for the instruction of youth ; a docile and sociable disposition, good character, a sound judgment, and for those destined to teach, ability to take up the requisite studies.

Pecuniary means required for admission :—

Candidates should, if possible, defray the education expenses, or a part thereof. Should the Candidate, however, be unable to pay anything, this would not, in itself, debar him from admission.

Age of Candidates :—

As a rule, candidates are not admitted before their twelfth year. Boys who enter Dujarie Institute at this age, study at least

four years before entering the Noviciate. The Habit is given at sixteen. Those who upon entering are sixteen or upwards, spend the time of their probation at the House of Studies. After a time they enter St. Joseph's Noviciate and are clothed with the Religious Habit.

Course and time of Studies :—

The training lasts from one to four years, or more, according to their ability and previous education.

Other Establishments :—

Besides the Province of the United States, there are now the Province of Canada and the missionary Diocese of Dacca, India, entirely in charge of Religious of the Holy Cross.

For further information or application apply to :—

Very Rev Superior General, Notre Dame, Indiana.

*In 1835, the Josephites, as the members of the Brotherhood were called, united with a Society of Auxiliary Priests, recently founded by the Rev. Basil Moreau at Mans. The united Society took the name of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. After twenty years of steady growth, the Congregation was approved by the Holy See, May 13th, 1857. Until the Religious Orders were expelled in 1903, the Congregation had a flourishing Province in France. The Mother House of the Congregation of Holy Cross is at Notre Dame, Indiana. Here the Superior-General and the Provincial reside. At Notre Dame, too, are St Joseph's Noviciate, where the young Novices are formed to the Religious Life, and Dujarie Institute, where they make their course of studies. The Noviciate stands on a slight elevation, overlooking St. Joseph's Lake, while Dujarie Institute is half a-mile west of Notre Dame University, on the shores of St. Mary's Lake. Each house has its own recreation grounds. The lakes too, furnish ample opportunities for abundant exercise, such as swimming, boating and skating.

Brothers of Mercy.



Object of the Congregation :—

Self-Sanctification and Works of Charity towards their neighbour. The brothers attend prisons and hospitals ; they take charge of the education of orphan and poor boys, and they conduct elementary schools and higher-grade institutions.

Candidates who seek Admission :—

A Candidate should not only be healthy, but also have the ability and dispositions to become a teacher or to exercise some other office in the community.

Pecuniary means required for admission :—

Not necessarily.

Time of Noviciate :—

One year.

Future Employment :—

Works of mercy at the discretion of the Superior-General.

Postal Address of the House of Noviciate :—

Institute Scheppers Malines, Belgium.

Other Establishments contained in above :—

North Hyde, Manor Park ; Plaistow, E. ;
etc. They have six houses altogether in England.

For further Information, or application, apply to :—

Rev. Brother Director, Novice-House.

Brothers of the Presentation.



Object of the Order :—

Besides the general end of perfecting themselves in the way of the Lord, which is common to all Religious Orders, the Presentation Brothers devote their lives to the Christian Education of youth, but chiefly to that of poor children. They conduct Orphanages, Poor Law Schools, Industrial and Elementary Schools for such children. But to meet the needs of all classes they also engage themselves in connection with higher education, and while conducting Secondary Schools under the intermediate Education Board in Ireland with conspicuous success, they also provide in these schools a University course of study up to and including the degrees of B.A. and M.A.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Only candidates of a sound and healthy constitution are admitted to the Presentation Order. A person suffering from any natural infirmity, or whose sight may be very weak, or who has any apparent natural

defect or deformity, cannot by Rule be admitted a member,

In all cases, satisfactory references as to character must be got, but the recommendation of one's Parish Priest would be considered quite sufficient. It is also necessary that a candidate aspiring to be a member of the Presentation Order should have received a fair education, or, at least, give hope of acquiring in due course the qualities which are essential for a Christian teacher in the present age of Educational progress.

Pecuniary means required for admission :—

Generally speaking, in addition to the expenses of an outfit a sum of money not exceeding £20 per annum, is paid during the first years of the Noviciate. Exceptions are in many cases made, especially in the case of highly educated candidates. And should the qualifications of a candidate be specially satisfactory, the fact of his having *no* money would not constitute an obstacle to his admission.

Age at which candidates are accepted :—

Candidates are admitted to the Juniorate after the age of 14 years. But the most

suitable age to enter the Noviciate is between 16 and 25 years of age.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

Candidates who enter young into the Juniorate go through an extensive course of study during the first few years, mainly corresponding to the intermediate programme for Secondary Schools.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Certificates of Baptism, of Confirmation, and of good moral character, have to be furnished at the time of entrance into the Order.

Time of Noviciate :—

The time of Noviciate extends over four and a half years at least. This includes six months' probation before receiving the habit of the Order ; two years after Reception, when Profession is made, if the novice be twenty years of age ; and two further years after Profession. Perpetual Vows are taken at Profession ; and twenty years is the minimum age according to rule for taking these vows.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Studies continue during the whole period of the Noviciate during which Candidates

are prepared for the life-duty of teaching. All have to secure the Elementary Teachers' Certificate, and some are selected to go through a University Course and obtain their Degrees.

Future Employment :—

The great majority of the Brothers are employed in teaching. A limited number however, are received into the order, whose sole duty it is to attend to domestic concerns. These latter are called Coadjutor Brothers, and may be received without having attained the educational standard which is required in the case of Teaching Brothers.

Postal Address of Noviciate :—

Presentation Brothers' Training College,
Blarney Road, Cork, Ireland.

Other Establishments :—

Industrial Schools at Orpington Orphanage,
Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Dartford, in Kent,
The Brothers have houses in every
province of Ireland.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Rev. Brother Superior-General, or
Master of Novices, Presentation Brothers'
Training College, Blarney Road, Cork,
Ireland.

Brothers of St. Patrick.



Object of the Institute :—

Besides the general end of personal sanctification, the Brothers of St. Patrick have for their main object the Education of Youth.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health, an aptitude for study, freedom from debts and contracts, irreproachable character, and a fixed determination to devote themselves to the service of God in the Congregation.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

£25 a year during the first two years of probation, but subjects well recommended for their talents and other qualities will be admitted on easier terms.

Age of Candidates :—

Postulants are admitted between the ages of 15 and 25 years.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

Candidates must have acquired an ordinary school education,

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

- a A letter from the Parish Priest, Confessor or other reliable person.

- b* A Certificate of lawful birth and baptism.
- c* Consent in writing of parents or guardians, except the Candidate is of age.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts from $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ years according to the disposition and the progress in studies of the candidate.

Course of Studies :—

The National University, the Board of National Education, South Kensington Board of Education and College of Science, Dublin.

Future Employment :—

(See "Object of the Institute.")

Postal Address of the Noviciate :—

St. Patrick's Noviciate, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Ireland.

Other Establishments :—

In Ireland :

Secondary and National Schools.
Board Schools and Colleges
Orphanages and Industrial Schools.

In Australia and India :—

The Brothers have Colleges, Schools and Orphanages in these countries also.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Superior-General, Tullow, Co. Carlow,
or to any of the Houses in Ireland, India,
or Australia.

Canons Regular of the Holy Cross.



Object of the Order :—

In addition to the sanctification of its members by attendance at daily Chapter Mass, the recitation in choir of the Divine Office, the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross undertake Parochial work such as the care of souls, the preaching of Missions and Retreats, etc.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health such as required for the priesthood in general is necessary. Candidates of a strong constitution and tall are preferable.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates for the Priesthood are admitted from 19 to 24 years of age.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

No pecuniary means are required for admission, but Candidates should be able to defray both the educational and the outfit expenses.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts one year. A simple

profession for three years is made after the Noviciate, and this is followed by the solemn vows for life.

Course and Time of Studies:—

The Theological studies last four years. They are made at one of the Universities and are begun after the Noviciate.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Right Rev. General and Grossmeister, des
Ritterlichen, Kreuzherrn — Ordens, Prag.
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The Canons Regular of the Holy Cross have the special privilege of attaching five hundred days' Indulgence to each bead, which is known by the name of Crusade Indulgence.



Canons Regular of the Lateran.



Object of the Order :—

All that falls within the scope of the sacerdotal ministry is the work of the Canons Regular. The Order receives those who having a vocation to the active life of the priest, desire at the same time to consecrate their lives by the vows of Religion, and dwell in community.

Health and respective qualifications :—

A medical certificate of health is required of all applicants.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

A pension of £40 per annum, at least up to the time of ordination, is necessary in the case of students for the priesthood

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates can be received into the Novitiate as soon as they are sufficiently advanced in studies to enter upon their course of philosophy.

Preparatory Studies :—

Students for the priesthood are expected to have undergone a college training sufficient to pass at once to the higher ecclesiastical studies.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Besides the Medical Certificate there should accompany the application for admission to the order :—

- a* Baptismal Certificate ;
- b* Confirmation „
- c* Testimonial as to Studies completed and capacity of the Candidate ;
- d* References from Priests to whom the Candidate is well known as to good character, piety and vocation.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts twelve months at the end of which simple vows are taken, to be followed by solemn vows after three years.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The course of studies consists of the usual curriculum of philosophy and theology. As the Order at present has no house of studies in England, this course, lasting about seven years is gone through at Louvain.

Postal Address of the Noviciate House :—

St. Mary's Priory, Bodmin, Cornwall ;

Other Houses :—

12, Womersley-road, Hornsey, London, N. ;
 7, Victoria-road, Eltham, Kent ;
 The Priory, Swanage, Dorset.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Fr. Visitor, C.R.L., St. Mary's Priory, Bodmin.

Order of Friars Minor Capuchins



Object of the Order:—

The sanctification of its members by the observance of the Rule of St. Francis of Assisi, as interpreted by the Capuchin Reform.

Health and respective qualifications:—

Candidates must be of sound mind and body and of respectable parents.

Pecuniary means required for Admission:—

Usually Candidates are required to furnish a stipend sufficient to cover the cost of their maintenance during the term of their noviciate. In exceptional cases, special arrangements may be made with the Father Provincial.

Age of Candidates:—

For Priesthood, 15 ; Lay Brothers, 19 ; Oblates, 18.

Preparatory Training or Studies:—

For Priesthood : Candidates must have passed an examination equivalent to the Junior Oxford Local Examination ;

For Lay Brothers and Oblates : A sound knowledge of christian doctrine is required.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

a Baptismal Certificate ;

b Confirmation Certificate ;

c Letter from the Parish Priest.

Time of Noviciate :—

One year for all.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Ordinarily ten years, including Noviciate.

Future Employment :—

Priests : Missionary labours ;

Lay Brothers : Manual labour.

Postal Address of Houses :—

Noviciate : The Monastery, Pantasaph, Holywell, North Wales ;

Houses of Studies : The Monastery, Olton, Birmingham ; The Monastery, Crawley, Sussex ;

College : Franciscan College, Cowley, Oxford ;

The Monastery, Grosvenor-street, Chester ;

The Monastery, Penmaenmawr, N. Wales ;

The Monastery, Lower Park-road, Peckham, London, S.E. ;

The Monastery, Erith, Kent ;

St. Anthony's, Burton Park, Petworth, Sussex.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Very Reverend Father Provincial,
O.S.F.C.,

The Monastery, Olton, Birmingham.

Order of Calced Carmelites. (Irish Province.)



Object of the Order :—

Monastic Observances and Missionary Work.

Health and respective qualifications :—

A medical Certificate of good health must be produced. Applicants must also be free from physical deformities and other disabilities.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Candidates should be able to defray all expenses of religious training and ecclesiastical studies.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates are accepted :—

For Priesthood, from 15 up to 20 years of age.

For Lay Brothers, candidates may be admitted at any age after 15.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

For Admission into the Noviciate at least a four years classical course of studies is required as prescribed in the Papal Decree.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

- a Baptismal Certificate ;
- b Confirmation Certificate
- c A reference from the Parish Priest or spiritual Director.

Time of Noviciate :—

One year for all.

Course and Time of Studies :—

In addition to the Intermediate or Classical studies (5 years), a course of 3 year's philosophy and 4 year's theology must be gone through.

Future Employment :—

Besides the conventual duties of Choir, &c. :
Preaching, hearing Confessions, conducting Missions and Retreats.

In Australia and America, the members of the Order also take charge of Parishes.

Postal Address of Noviciate and House of Studies :—

Carmelite College, Terenure, Dublin.

Attached to the above is a Preparatory College for Intermediate and University Studies.

The Houses of the Province are :—

In Ireland :

Dublin, Terenure, Kildare, Moate, Kinsale,
and Knocktopher ;

In the United States :

New York and Jarrytown ;

In Australia :

Port Adelaide, South Melbourne, and Port Melbourne

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Rev. Father Provincial, O.C.C.,

56, Aungier Street, Dublin, Ireland.

Discalced Carmelites.

(Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.)



Object of the Order :—

The Object of the Carmelite Order is twofold, viz., the contemplative and the active life (Sacred Ministry and Foreign Missions).

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health and a sound constitution are indispensable, the life being austere. A docile will and an ardent desire of perfection.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

It is desirable that Candidates for the Priesthood should be able to defray their expenses for some time.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates for the Priesthood must have at least completed their fifteenth year. Lay Brothers are received from eighteen to thirty-four.

Preparatory Training and Studies :—

Candidates for the Priesthood must be sufficiently advanced in their humanities, particularly in Latin, to begin Philosophy after profession.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Besides testimonial letters customary letters

as to conduct, and certificates of Baptism and Confirmation. Candidates have also to submit a Certificate of studies made at college or school.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Canonical Noviciate lasts a year from the time of clothing, followed by three years of simple profession. Lay Brothers make their first profession after five years.

Course and Time of Studies :

The Course of higher studies commences after the Noviciate. The ordinary time is seven years.

Future Employment :—

Besides the ordinary duties of Conventual life, such as reciting or singing the Office in Choir, and the sacred ministry in its various forms, the priests are employed in giving Missions, Retreats, etc., etc., or may also go to the Foreign Missions, if they have a calling for such work.

Postal Address of Noviciate House :—

The Priory, Wincanton, near Bath ;
Other Houses of the Order in England are :
Carmelite Church, Kensington, London.
W., and St. Joseph's, Chosdam, Bucks.

For Application, or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Fr. Vicar Provincial, Carmelite Church, Kensington, London.

Carmelite Tertiaries.

(Brothers).



Object of the Congregation :—

To teach primary and secondary Schools ;
To take charge of Asylums, etc.

Health and respective qualifications :—

In addition to good health, a capability for
studying and teaching is required.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Not necessarily, especially in the case of a
good vocation.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates are admitted from seventeen to
twenty five years of age.

Preparatory Training :—

A training for National and Secondary
Schools is required.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

a Baptismal Certificate ;

b Confirmation Certificate ;

c A reference from the Parish Priest or Spiritual Director,

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts four years and a half ;

The Brothers observe in community life the Rule of the Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. They are under the jurisdiction of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers.

Postal Address of the Noviciate House :—

Carmelite Monastery, Mount St. Joseph,
Clondalkin, Co. Dublin.

Other Establishments :—

St Joseph's Asylum for the Blind, Drum-
condra, Dublin

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Rev. Father Prior, Carmelite Monastery,
Mount St. Joseph, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin,
Ireland.



Carthusians.*

(Order of St. Bruno.)



Object of the Order :—

The Order is purely contemplative :—
Prayer, Silence, Solitude and Penance are
the characteristic features of this Order.

Silence and Solitude are strictly observed,
except during the weekly walk and Sunday
recreation. The fast is almost continual
and meat is absolutely forbidden.

*Upon being ruthlessly expelled from France in 1902, the Community of "La Grande Chartreuse," the Mother House of the Order, settled at the Charterhouse of Farneta, near Lucca, Italy. In England, St. Hugh's Charterhouse, near Partridge Green, Sussex, is, at present, the only House to replace those destroyed by Henry VIII, when 18 Carthusians had the glory of gaining the Martyr's Crown; Blessed John Houghton, Prior of the London Charterhouse, and two other Priors being the protomartyrs of the Reformation.

The Carthusian Order has also its Nuns, who follow the same rule and wear the same habit, except that the hood is replaced by a black veil which they receive at the hands of the Bishop the day of their "virginal consecration." They have still a house in France at Beauregard, Voiron, (Isère) another in Belgium at Burdinne, near Namur, and two in Italy, and many desire and hope that there may soon be one in England.

Besides the Choir Monks, each Charterhouse has also its Lay-Brothers, (each convent, its Lay-Sisters,) who, after their spiritual exercises of the day and night, engage in manual labour for the benefit of the Community.

simple vows; four years later solemn vows.

For Brothers: After two years they make their Donation and they remain *Donati* at least five years—their whole life if they wish; after five years, begins the Noviciate for the State of *Conversi*. They take their simple vows after twelve months, and, three years later, their solemn vows.

Course and Time of Studies :—

After profession (simple) Philosophy (with other Ecclesiastical Studies) two years;

Then Theology (with other Ecclesiastical Studies) for five years.

Future Employment :—

Only inside the Monastery. — Never any active work outside, such as teaching, preaching, etc.

Postal Address of Monastery :—

St. Hugh's Charterhouse (or Parkminster),
Partridge Green, Sussex.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Fr. Prior, St. Hugh's Charterhouse (or
Parkminster), Partridge Green, Sussex,

Christian Brothers.



Object of the Institute :—

The main object of the Brothers, after their own sanctification, is the christian education of youth, to which, after due preparation, they entirely and irrevocably devote themselves.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Very good health is required,

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Candidates seeking admission may be admitted free of charge provided they possess the talents necessary to prosecute the course of studies prescribed by the Institute.

Age of Candidates :—

The most suitable age for Postulants to enter the Noviciate is between sixteen and twenty-five years of age.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts a few years.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Candidates who seek admission between the ages of fourteen and sixteen are

educated at the Juniorate of Baldoyle, Co. Dublin, preparatory to their entering the Noviciate and Training College.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

All seeking admission should have letters of recommendation from their spiritual director or parish priest; they should also present their baptismal certificates.

Future Employment:—

To assist the clergy, to take charge of schools, to direct guilds and confraternities, etc.

Postal Address of Noviciate:—

Noviciate and College at St. Mary's, Marino, Dublin, Ireland.

Besides their houses in Ireland and England, the Irish Christian Brothers have establishments in Rome, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Newfoundland, United States and Gibraltar.

For Application or further information, apply to:—

The Superior-General, St. Mary's, Marino, Ireland.

Cistercians.



Object of the Order ;—

The sanctification of its members by a life of Retirement, Silence, Mortification, Manual Labour, Prayer, and in particular by the public celebration of the Divine Office.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health, bodily and mental.

It is desirable to produce a medical certificate of good health.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

None.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates are accepted from about 19 or 20 years of age.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

For Choir Religious, humanities and philosophy, according to the late instructions of the Holy See ;

For Lay Brothers, the ordinary elementary education such as is imparted in elementary schools is sufficient.

Certificates, References, &c., required :—

Baptismal Certificate and *Litteræ testimoniales* from Bishop or Bishops ;

Also a letter of recommendation from the Parish Priest, and, if previously in college, from the Superior of the college.

Time of Noviciate :—

Postulancy, two or three months ; Noviciate, two years for simple vows ; Three additional years in preparation for solemn vows.

Course and Time of Studies :—

A course and time of studies according to what has been laid down by the Holy See ; There are no Studies strictly so called during the two years Noviciate ; this time is devoted learning the obligations which the novices propose to contract, and forming themselves to the spiritual life.

Future Employment :—

Celebration of Divine Office, manual labour, and prayer, etc.

Postal Address of the Abbey :—

Mount Melleray Abbey, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, Ireland.

Other Establishments :—

The Reformed Cistercians—La Trappe Sept-Fons, and Westmalle were in 1894, by a decree of the Holy See, united as the "Order of Reformed Cistercians"—now number, 59 Houses of Men and 18 of Women ; Mount St. Bernard, the Convents Stapehill and Roserea, all belong to this Order.

For further information or application, apply to :—

The Right Reverend Abbot, Mount Melleray Abbey, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, Ireland.

Congregation of St. Francis of Sales.



Object of the Congregation :—

To hold Missions both at home and in foreign countries ; also to take charge of orphans and to convert the Pagans.

Health and respective qualifications :—

General good health is essential.

Pecuniary means required :—

Candidates should be able to defray all education expenses in case such are still required.

Age of Candidates :—

The most suitable age for Candidates is from nineteen to twenty-five.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

Candidates should have pursued the ordinary course of classical, philosophical and theological studies, as required for the Priesthood in general.

Certificates and References required :—

Baptismal and Confirmation Certificates ;
References from the Parish Priest and from the Superior of the college or colleges ;
Litteræ Testimoniales from the Ordinary.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts a few years.

Establishments of the Congregation :—

The Congregation of the "Missioners of St. Francis of Sales " have in addition to their houses in France and India, one house at Devizes, and one at Malmesbury, England.

Congregation of Pious Labourers. (Calasantines.)



Object of the Congregation :—

The object of the Calasantine Congregation is to devote themselves wholly and exclusively to temporal and spiritual Works of Charity. To assist the needy, to instruct the poor and ignorant, to convert the sinner.

The members of the Congregation also take charge of schools and direct Guilds and Confraternities, especially those for the young.

Health and respective qualifications :—

A medical certificate of good health must be produced by all seeking admission. Candidates must also be free from noticeable bodily deformity.

Age of Candidates :—

Priests, Clerics in Minor Orders, and students who have completed the Humanities, receive admission at any time. There is no fixed age for Lay Brothers seeking admission.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

None.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years. Lay Brothers are admitted on six months probation, during which time they wear their ordinary attire. This time is followed by two years Noviciate, at the beginning of which the Habit is given. The simple Vows are made after the Noviciate, for a period of three years, then for life. Candidates must be well versed in the German language, especially in writing and reading it.

Course and Time of Studies for Priesthood :—

Having completed all the Classics, the course is two years philosophy and four years theology.

Future Employment :—

Priests will be employed as Directors, Catechetical Instructors, or as Prefects in Secondary Schools, Institutes, etc

Lay Brothers will assist the Priests of the Congregation in teaching or directing schools, or they will apply themselves to indoor work such as looking after church, vestry, school house, kitchen, etc.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Father Superior, Wien XV.
Tellgasse 7, Germany.

Dominicans.

(Also called Friars Preachers.)



Object of the Order :—

As Religious, self-sanctification, and the recitation of the Divine Office in community ; as priests, the *cura animarum*, and the giving of Missions, etc ; as professors, teaching in Universities and Colleges.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Health certificated, to be sufficiently good to follow classical studies, the rule of life, etc.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Previous to the taking of the vows, the Order cannot accept any sum of money from a novice, except the necessary expenses of his keep if these are spontaneously offered.

Age at which Candidates are accepted :—

A Candidate for the Priesthood must have completed his fifteenth year. Anyone that has worn the habit of any other Religious Order or Congregation cannot be admitted without a dispensation from the Master-General, and one that has made profession in any Order or Congregation requires a Papal Dispensation.

Lay Postulants cannot be admitted to the Habit until they have completed their

twentieth year. In the English Province, however, they may be admitted when they have completed their eighteenth year.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

For the Priesthood the completion of all classical studies is required.

As Lay Brother the ordinary elementary and a good religious education suffices.

Certificates, References, etc. :—

A Candidate must present testimonial letters from the Bishop of his Diocese, and, in fact, from the Bishop of all the dioceses in which he has lived after his fifteenth year, so as to certify as to his age, knowledge, and conduct.

Time of Noviciate :

For the Priesthood one year or eighteen months, at most, simple Noviciate, followed by *professio simplex*. After this the Candidate enters his professed Noviciate, pursues the study of Philosophy and Theology. And after three years he is allowed to make his solemn profession. In another year or two, according to his age, the Holy Orders and eventually the Priesthood are conferred.

Brothers make one year simple Noviciate, after which they receive the Habit. They are *Tertiarii* until the *professio simplex*, three years later, they make the *professio solemn**is*—perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience

Course and Time of Studies :—

The higher studies commence immediately after simple profession. Three years are given to philosophy and four years to theology.

Priesthood is no obstacle to entering the Order, and the Master-General often allows priests a shorter course of studies.

Future Employment :—

The Cure of Souls in general by teaching, preaching, literary works, giving of missions and retreats, etc., etc. The Order of St Dominic has produced Preachers, Teachers, and Writers of world-wide reputation. It also has given some sixty Cardinals and over one thousand Bishops and Archbishops to the Church.

Postal Address of Abbey and Noviciate :—

St. Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill,
London, N.W.

Ireland : St. Saviour's Priory, Dorset Street,
Dublin.

America : Convent of St. Dominic, Washing-
ton.

Foreign Mission Establishments :—

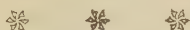
Africa, Transvaal, Cape Colony—German and Irish ; Trinidad and Grenada—Irish and English Fathers. Mossul Mission, Mesopotamia and Kurdistan, belong to the French. The Dutch have their West India Isles ; Spaniards and Belgians are scattered over Brazil, Chili, the Philippines, etc. The United States, Australia and New Zealand have their Dominican " pioneer missionaries," many of whom are from the British Islands.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Very Rev. Father Provincial, St.
Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill,
London, N.W.,



Foreign Mission Society (St. Joseph's) English



Object of the Society :—

St. Joseph's Society for Foreign Missions is a Congregation of Secular Priests, approved by the Holy See, and established to propagate the Gospel among unevangelised races beyond Europe. The Society has Missions in the Madras Presidency, Borneo, The Punjab, amongst the Maoris of New Zealand, in Uganda, the Congo, and the Philippines.

Health and respective qualifications :—

All applicants must be in perfect health. All the Students are to undergo a very rigorous medical examination before being admitted to the Subdiaconate. Candidates have to withdraw unless the Doctor is satisfied that they are likely to be able to stand the hardships of tropical climates.

The principal conditions for admission to St. Joseph's College, Mill Hill, are :—A sincere desire for the Foreign Missions in preference to the Home Missions ; a sound classical education, so as to be fit to enter Philosophy ; good testimonials ; and a small nominal pension.

Pecuniary means, etc. required for Admission :—

Students for the Priesthood are required to pay a small pension every year until they are admitted to the Subdiaconate ; and to supply themselves with clothes and books.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates for the Priesthood are accepted at the Preparatory College, Freshfield, near Liverpool, between the ages of fifteen and twenty.

They receive a classical education during a course of several years, according to their proficiency.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation, and of proficiency in studies are required. Candidates must also produce a Reference from the Parish Priest.

Time of Noviciate :—

The time of probation extends over the whole course until the candidate is admitted to the subdiaconate, in the second year of his theological course, when he takes the vow of obedience for life.

Course and Time of Studies .—

A classical course of four or five years is gone through at St. Peter's, Freshfield, according to the proficiency of the candidate, followed

by a course of two years' Philosophy, at St. Joseph's Missiehuis, Rozendaal, Holland, and three or four years' Theology. Hermeneutics and Science are given during the Philosophy course, and Holy Scripture, Church history, comparative religion, &c., with Theology.

All candidates have to satisfy the Diocesan Examiners in six of the larger treatises of Dogmatic Theology, before being admitted to the Priesthood.

Future Employment :--

The members of the Society go to work in any of the Missions mentioned above, selected for them by their Superiors.

Postal Address of Institutes :—

The Mother House is St. Joseph's College, Mill Hill, London, N.W., where Theology is studied.

St. Joseph's Missiehuis, Rozendaal, Holland, where all students go for two years to study Philosophy.

St. Peter's, Freshfield, near Liverpool, where students receive a classical training.

There is also a house at Brixen in the Tyrol.

For Application or further information apply to :—

The Rector, St. Peter's, Freshfield, near Liverpool ; or—

The Rector, St. Joseph's College, Mill Hill, London, N.W.,

Franciscans.

(Friars Minor of the Leonine Union)



Object of the Order :—

Contemplative and active life ; viz., celebration of Divine Office, Prayer, the giving of Missions and Retreats, Parochial Work, etc.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health is necessary. *Mens sana in corpore sano.*

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

None.

Age of Candidates :—

Boys of about fourteen years of age may enter the preparatory college.

Lay Brothers are not usually received before their nineteenth year of age.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

For the Priesthood, the ordinary course of

classical, philosophical and theological studies is required.

For Lay Brothers, nothing special.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

The Certificates of Baptism, Confirmation, and satisfactory references are required in all cases.

Time of Noviciate:—

One year for all.

Future Employment:—

Administrative or Apostolic work within or without the monastery.

Houses of the Franciscan Order:—

Forest Gate, London; Stratford; Wood Green; Ascot; West Gorton, Manchester; Drogheda; Waterford; Dublin; Limerick; Cork, etc.

For Application or further information, apply to:—

Very Rev. Father Provincial, O.F.M.
Forest Gate, London, E., or to any of the
above houses.

Franciscans.

(Minor Conventuals.)



Object of the Order :—

The same as all other male orders that have for their object not only the contemplative but also the active life, such as the giving of Missions and Retreats, Missionary work, etc,

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates for the Priesthood are admitted on completion of the ordinary course of studies required for same.

For Lay Brothers, a candidate must not have passed his twenty-fifth year of age.

Health and respective qualifications :—

A Medical Certificate testifying good health must be produced in all cases.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Candidates should, if possible, defray the expenses of Noviciate.

Time of Noviciate :—

One year for all.

Future Employment :—

The members of the Order are employed according to talent and capacity, viz., missionary work, teaching, study, manual labour, etc.

For Application or further information, apply to :—
Very Rev. Father Superior, Portishead.

Institute of St. Andrew.



Object of the Institute:—

St Andrew's Institute has for its object advancement in spirituality, work in country missions and schools, and literary work for the Press.

Health and respective qualifications:—

Good health is required, and ability to take part in some way or other in the work of the Institute.

Pecuniary means required for Admission:—

Candidates are expected to contribute towards their support for the first two years, and longer if they have a regular income.

In cases of poverty they are not rejected if in other respects eligible.

Age of Candidates:—

Candidates are admitted to the Noviciate from the age of seventeen.

Preparatory Training or Studies:—

The ordinary.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation are required, and letters of recommendation from the Parish Priest or others.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years. No candidate is professed under the age of 20 ; then for 2 years, 5 years, and for life.

Future Employment :—

Employment will be found chiefly in school and in the care of boys. On Sundays, work in outlying missions.

Postal Address of the Noviciate :—

St. Andrew's Institute, Barnet

Other Establishments :—

St. Pancras' College ; St. Andrew's Press.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Rev. Father Superior, St. Andrew's Institute,
Barnet, Herts.



Josephites.



Object of the Society :—

Teaching of the upper and middle classes,
i.e., secondary schools.

The Fathers also assist the parochial clergy.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health is necessary.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Candidates for the Priesthood are required to pay £40 a year for each of the two years of their Noviciate.

No sum, as a rule, is required of those destined to be lay brothers.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates for the Priesthood, who have terminated their classical studies, are accepted at any age from 16 until 35,

Lay brothers are not accepted, as a rule, after the age of 25.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

The complete course of classical studies must be finished before the Noviciate.

There is a juvenate for talented boys without means, in which they go through these studies,

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation,
and the Testimonials of morality prescribed
by the decree ' Romani Pontifices.'

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years for all and is
made at the mother-house.

Course and Time of Studies :

The classical studies, followed by a Noviciate
of two years ; the newly-professed then
teach during three years ; then they pursue a
course of philosophy for two years, followed
by three years of theology.

Future Employment :—

Teaching and occasional assistance to the
secular clergy

Postal Address of the Mother House :—

St. Joseph's, Grammont, Belgium.

Other Establishments :—

St. George's College, Weybridge, England.
The Immaculate Conception, Melle, near
Ghent.

Holy Trinity at Louvain.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Supérieur General, Institut St.
Joseph, Grammont, Belgium ; or Father
President, St. George's College, Weybridge.

Knights of Malta.

(Order of St John of Jerusalem, originally called Hospitallers because of the Hospitality they gave both to the sick and to the pilgrim in the Holy Land.)



Object of the Order:—

Cure of Souls in the Society's incorporated parishes ;

The Priests of the Order follow the Rule of St. Augustine.

Preparatory Training or Studies required:—

Candidates for the Priesthood must have completed all classical studies. [Formerly they had to be of a noble descent for four generations, both by father and mother's side, and they had to pay £62 10s. into the treasury of the Order.]

Time of Noviciate:—

The Noviciate lasts one year.

*About the year 1100. the Order of the Knights of Malta, who within 50 years of its institution had become a powerful and rich Society, came to England (London). The English Provincial had a seat in the House of Lords. In the twelfth and thirteenth centuries they possessed twenty-two houses in Ireland. Since the conquest of Malta by Napoleon I, in 1798, the Knights retired to the Continent.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Candidates for the Priesthood go through the ordinary course of studies (four years theology).

Future Employment :—

- a Priests devote themselves almost exclusively to the cure of souls.
- b *Servans d'arms*, or fighting squires, laymen of noble birth, to protect and defend the Catholic Faith, and, as formerly, also the pilgrims to the Holy Land, its churches, relics, etc.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Malteserritterorden, Prag. III., Germany,



*Marist Brothers.

(Little Brothers of Mary of the Schools).



Object of the Congregation:—

To educate and teach the youth.

The Brothers also direct Orphanages and Deaf and Dumb Asylums.

*Marcellin Champagnat, whom Providence destined to found this Congregation, was born at Marbles, (Loire) France, on May 20th, 1789. He was ordained priest on July 22nd, 1816, and sent to the poor mountainous village of Lavalla, near St. Chamond, Loire. At this time the Church of France was slowly recovering from the disasters into which the Revolution had plunged it. Attending at the death-bed of a boy of twelve, completely ignorant of God, he resolved to form an order of religious teachers who should devote themselves particularly to the Christian education of youth, especially in neglected parts. He was declared Venerable by His Holiness Leo XIII, on August 9th, 1896.

At the present time this Congregation is divided into twenty provinces. It possesses twenty-seven Juniorates, twenty-two Noviciates, and fourteen Scholasticates in various parts of the world. The Juniorate, Noviciate, and Scholasticate for the British Province are at Dumfries.

The Brothers have in their 617 schools, about 100,000 children. These Schools are in 153 different Dioceses in various parts of the world.

The Congregation just now (1909), comprises 3125 Professed Brothers, 835 Professed with Annual Vows, 210 Novices, 243 Postulants and 822 Juniors.

To those who feel called to devote their lives to God's service in the great work of Christian Education, this Congregation appeals earnestly in the following remarkable words addressed to the Superior-General of the Marist Brothers by His Holiness Pius X. in his brief of February 7th, 1908:—"And truly, in these times, so threatening for the Church, when the enemies of the Catholic name lay innumerable snares to turn away youth from the path of virtue. We are pleased to protect and encourage this Institute by whose care the Mystery of Faith is cultivated and cherished in youth. Therefore, We beg of God, the Author of all good, to show Himself propitious to the work of the Marist Brothers, and to prosper the above-named Juniorates. We earnestly recommend them to Our Venerable Brothers, the Archbishops and Bishops of the entire world, and We beg the Clergy and Christian families to confide to these Brothers youths whom they will educate as the hope of the Church."

Conditions of Admission to Juniorate:—

Boys who feel called to the Religious state as Teachers, and who are blessed with a sound constitution and good judgment, are admitted to the Juniorate at the age of 12. They should have a good elementary education, and be ready for the “qualifying” examination.

The course in the Juniorate is three years or until the intermediate certificate has been obtained.

Pecuniary means required for Admission:—

When Parents or Guardians can afford it, a pension of £20 per year is demanded.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

Applicants should have references from their clergy and teachers as well as certificates of Baptism and Confirmation.

Time of Noviciate:—

Young men who do not pass through the Juniorate are Postulants. The Postulancy lasts six months. The same conditions are required as for the Juniorate.

The Noviciate begins with the taking of the holy Habit, and lasts one year complete. No secular studies are engaged in during

this time. At the end of the Noviciate the three vows of Religion are made for one year, and this has to be repeated for five years before the perpetual vows are made.

Training of Candidates after the Noviciate :—

The Novice having obtained the Intermediate certificate, a three years' course of training and study is entered on, called the Junior Studentship. At the end of this course the Brothers generally proceed to their Hostel, St. Kentigern's, Glasgow, to complete their technical training as teachers ; this course occupies two years.

In this Congregation, a certain number of its members have to be employed in household and other duties. These do not necessarily pass through the long course of studies prescribed by those employed in teaching.

Besides, many English speaking brothers are sent to help in the brothers' numerous houses abroad and they render invaluable help there.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Rev. Brother Provincial, Mount St. Michael,
Dumfries.

America—High School, Manchester.

Marist Fathers.

(Also called Society of Mary.)



Object of the Society :—

- a* To sanctify its own members ;
- b* To help to save souls ;
- c* To defend and maintain the doctrines, rights and traditions of the Holy Catholic Church, finally to practise and promote reverence and submission to the Sovereign Pontiff and to all ecclesiastical Superiors.

Health and respective qualifications :—

The Candidate must possess good health, be free from physical deformities or other disabilities, and have, at least, that sufficient measure of talent which will enable him to go through his ecclesiastical studies.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

It is very desirable the Candidate should possess sufficient private means to meet the expenses of his religious training and ecclesiastical studies. But the want of money is overlooked in cases of a good vocation, endowed with some special talent or qualification.

The same remark applies to those wishing to be Lay Brothers.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates are accepted at the age of 12 years.

When the Candidate is found suitable, he

is sent to begin his preparatory studies in an apostolic school or college. Later on, if the Superiors judge advisable, he may be directed to follow a University Course.

The age for Lay Brothers is 16 years. They too are trained in the religious life under a spiritual Director, and as far as possible employed in work suited to their taste and aptitude.

Certificates, References, etc. :—

The Candidate must produce a Certificate of Baptism, also a Certificate of his parents' marriage, with written references from his Parish Priest. and any other available testimony that bears on his character, past conduct and respectability.

Time of Noviciate:

One year's noviciate for all Candidates who aspire to the priesthood. At the end of that period the Candidate may be called to his religious profession, provided he has attained the age of twenty-one and has given satisfactory proof of virtue and vocation.

In the case of Lay Brothers, the Candidate must have passed 6 years in a house of the Society, and have completed one year's noviciate before he is admitted to simple vows.

Noviciate houses are established in Belgium and Italy.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The course of studies comprises a good preparatory education, two years' philosophy, and four years' theology.

Students who show a special aptitude for theological science are sent to complete their studies at one of the Roman Universities.

Future Employment :—

The Marist Priest is called to work for the salvation of souls by giving Missions, Retreats, taking charge of places of pilgrimage and shrines, undertaking parochial work, particularly in such distant countries as America, New Zealand, Australia. Hence, the Marist must be prepared to labour for the salvation of souls in any part of the world where obedience may send him.

There are also a large number of missionary stations in the islands of the Pacific, but a Marist is not sent there except on his own personal application and appeal, which is always disregarded unless Superiors are convinced the applicant is endowed with the necessary qualifications for the arduous life of a Marist missionary among the heathen. The education of youth is another of the chief objects of the Society of Mary. The Marist Fathers have a number of colleges and day schools in England, Ireland, France and America.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Father Provincial, St. Anne's,
Underwood-street, London, E.

Missionaries of the Holy Ghost.



Object of the Order ;—

The evangelisation of the most abandoned races, especially the Negroes, is the primary object. The Order is principally composed of Priests. Nevertheless, it admits, as a secondary element, lay members called Coadjutor Brothers, or simply Brothers. The Fathers and Brothers bind themselves by the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Health and respective qualifications :—

- a* Health strong enough to be able to observe habitually the rule, and to work on the Mission field ;
- b* Qualities and capacity enough to be employed usefully, either as a Priest or as a Brother.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Priesthood : In the interest of vocations, the Order is willing to help to its utmost young aspirants whose families cannot provide them with a complete pension.

Brothers : As far as its means allow, the Order provides for the maintenance and training of lay members.

Age at which candidates are accepted :—

Candidates for the Priesthood from 14 upwards ;

As Brothers from 14 up to 36 years of age.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

Priesthood : Candidates must have completed the ordinary primary school classes, *i.e.*, they must have passed the 6th Standard with success.

Brothers : Preference is given to all those who already know a trade.

Certificates, References, &c., required :—

Priesthood : *a* Letter of recommendation from the Parish Priest ; *b* Letter of the aspirants own composition expressing his desire to become a missionary priest in the Order ; *c* Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation.

Brothers : Baptismal Certificate ; Doctor's Certificate ; Testimonial Letters from the Rector or Spiritual Director.

Applicant's Time of Noviciate :—

Priesthood : One year's Noviciate, preceding immediately the study of philosophy and divinity.

Brothers : Their Noviciate lasts for two years, including the time spent as postulants.

Course and Time of Studies:—

For ecclesiastical aspirants there are three degrees :—

1. The " Junior Scholastic " Studies, comprising six years' course of secondary education ;
2. The Noviciate : (Regular Law and Asceticism) ;
3. The " Senior Scholastic " Studies, comprising two years' course of philosophy and four years' course of Divinity.

Future Employment:—

The principal field for the members' apostolic labours are foreign countries, Africa most especially.

The Fathers are chiefly engaged as missionary priests.

The Brothers help the Fathers by material work and by instructing the natives in agriculture and useful trades.

Postal Addresses :—

Principal House in England :—St. Mary's,
Castlehead, Grange-over-Sands, Lancashire

Mother-House :—30, Rue l'Homond, Paris,
France.

Noviciate :—Priesthood, Chevilly, par l'Haij,
près Paris, Seine, France ; Brothers, St
Mary's, Castlehead, Grange-over-Sands,
Lancashire.

Other Establishments :—

Blackrock College, Dublin, Ireland : Rock-
well College, Cashel, Co. Tipperary,
Ireland ; Rathmine's College, St Mary's
Dublin, Ireland.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Superior, St. Mary's, Castlehead, Grange-
over-Sands, Lancashire ; or, President,
Blackrock College, Dublin, Ireland ; or,
Superior General, 30, Rue l'Homond,
Paris, France.



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.



Object of the Society :—

The Object of the Society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is a threefold one :—

- a* The Sanctification of its Members ;
- b* To honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to make reparation for the sins of men ;
- c* To undertake missionary and educational works.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates must be of good health and free from any hereditary disease.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

According to circumstances ; it is desirable that all educational expenses should be defrayed by the candidate.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

- a* Certificate of Baptism ;

- b* Certificate of Confirmation ;
- c* Satisfactory References from the Rector of the College, Parish Priest, etc. ;
- d* Dimissorial letters ;

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts one year.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The Candidates go through the ordinary course of studies required for the Priesthood generally,

Establishments :—

The Missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart have houses at Glastonbury ; at St. Albans ; and at Braintree, England ; in America, they have establishments at Watertown (N.Y.), Natick, R.I., and Quebec (Canada).

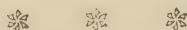
For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Father Superior of the above.



Missions Étrangères.

(French Foreign Mission Society.)



Object of the Society :—

The Society of the Missions Étrangères which consists of secular priests, has for its Object the conversion chiefly of heathen nations, not merely by evangelising them, but also by forming a native clergy amongst the various races.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates must be without hereditary dispositions of serious disease and should have a constitution sufficiently strong to support the fatigue of missionary life. Anyone having made profession in or worn the habit of any religious Order, Congregation, Society, etc., whose members are bound by vows, may not apply. As a rule, only subjects who speak French as their mother language are accepted.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

No pecuniary means are required as a condition of admission, though, in fact, they are not refused.

Age of Candidates :—

Aspirants should not be over 35 years of age, and must be ready to be admitted into the philosophical and theological course of studies.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

Candidates must have completed successfully all classical studies generally required for the Priesthood, including rhetoric.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

a Certificate of Baptism ;

b Certificate of Confirmation ;

c Good Reference from the parish priest or spiritual director ;

d Certificate of studies made, examinations passed, etc.

e Dimissorial letters.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The higher course of studies is similar to that followed in all other *grands séminaires*.

Priests who wish to join the Society are admitted on one year's probation.

Clerics who have partly finished their studies of philosophy, theology, etc., complete them either at the house of philosophy at Bièvres (Seine-et-Oise) or at the *Séminaire* (Mother-House), Paris respectively.

Mission Field of the Society :—

The Holy See has confided to the Society's care some 30 large missions, the Bishops or Superiors of each are all members of the Society.

These Missions are divided between the East and West of China ; the Empire of Japan ; the Empire of China, Oriental and Occidental ; Indo-China ; and Oriental India.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Father Superior, *Séminaire des Missions-Etrangères*, 128, Rue du Bac, Paris.



Oblates of St. Charles.

(Originally known as the Oblates of
St. Ambrose or Ambrosians.)



Object of the Congregation :—

The Congregation of the Oblates of St. Charles consists of secular Priests who live in community and "offer" themselves to the service of the Bishop of the Diocese, to be employed as he may direct, in labouring for the salvation of souls.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates must enjoy ordinary good health, sufficiently strong to follow the community life, and be able to become useful members of the higher Congregation.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

As a rule, candidates are required to defray all education expenses.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

The ordinary classical and higher course of studies is required.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

- a Baptismal Certificate ;
- b Confirmation „
- c Certificates of Studies ;
- d References of good conduct.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years. The members bind themselves by a simple vow to obey the Bishop and to remain for life in the Congregation. Although allowed to retain their property, they cannot dispose of it without the consent of the Bishop.

Postal Address of Mother-House (England) :—

Westmoreland-road, Bayswater, London, W.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Father Superior (Mother-House)



Oblates of St. Francis of Sales.



Object of the Congregation :—

The object of the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Francis of Sales is a two-fold one :—

- a* Mission-work at home and abroad ;
- b* Education of youth ; teaching in Colleges, etc. ;

The Congregation consists of Priests and Lay Brothers.

Health and respective qualifications :—

- a* Good health ;
- b* Good character ;
- c* Good judgment.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

For admission pecuniary means are not required of Candidates for the Priesthood nor of those for the condition of Lay Brother.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates are admitted from 15 to 35 years of age.

Preparatory Training and Studies :—

For Priesthood : The ordinary college course of studies ;

For Lay Brothers nothing special is required.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation ;

References as stated in Canon Law, viz. :—

Testimonials from the Bishop of the Diocese, from the Parish Priest or Spiritual Director, etc ;

Letters testifying to studies made and examinations passed must also be produced by all whom they concern.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts one year both for Priests and Brothers.

Course and time of Studies :—

The ordinary course generally required for the Priesthood : two years of philosophy and four years of theology.

Postal Address of Noviciate :—

Villa Altieri, Albano, Italy.

Postulants may be received at Walmer, Kent.

Establishments :—

England : Faversham, Kent ; Walmer, Kent.

America : New York, White Plains and
Wilmington, (Delaware) ; Monte Video,
Uruguay, etc.

For Application or further information, apply to :

England :

Very Rev. Father Superior, " Oblates of St.
Francis of Sales," Faversham, Kent.

America or Italy as above.



Oblates of Mary Immaculate.



Object of the Congregation :—

The Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate has for its object ;—

- a* To preach the Gospel to the poor ;
- b* To undertake the direction of clerical seminaries ;
- c* To educate youth.

Health and respective qualifications :—

A fairly good health is required, strong enough to observe habitually the rule, and to be employed usefully.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

According to circumstances ;

In the interest of vocations, the Congregation is willing to afford facilities to young and poor aspirants who are unable to pay a complete pension.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates are accepted from 14 upwards.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years :

At the end of the first year the novices take simple vows for one year. At the close of the second year the "Oblation" (perpetual single vows) is made.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation, and satisfactory references, as stated in Canon Law must be produced.

The Fathers of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate have a number of "Juniorates," i.e., schools for boys who desire to become members of the Congregation.

The Congregation owns also a good many scholasticates or houses of studies, viz., at Rome, Ottawa, Hünfeld (Fulda), Liège, Dublin, etc.

Canada and the United States :—The Congregation has about twelve houses in Canada and about the same number in the United States.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Very Rev. Superior of the above

Oratorians.

(Oratory of St. Philip Neri or Filippini.)



Object of the Congregation :—

The Oratorians have for their object the sanctification of their own souls, and the leading of others to God, by preaching, by the instruction of the ignorant, and by the direction of consciences.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates must have health sufficiently strong to follow the community life and to become useful members of the Congregation.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Pecuniary means are not required as a condition of admission. It is, however, for the Superior to decide according to circumstances.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

a Certificate of Baptism ;

b Certificate of Confirmation ;

c Reference of good conduct from the Parish Priest or other competent authority.

The Congregation consists of secular Priests and Lay Brothers. The latter attend to the domestic work of the house. No vows are taken, and if any of the members feel called to embrace the religious life, they are free to do so

For Application or further information, apply to:—

England : Very Rev. Father Superior,
"The Oratory," Birmingham.



Passionists.

(Also called the Congregation of the Discalced Clerks of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.)



Object of the Congregation :—

To promote devotion to the Passion by means of Missions and Retreats, and in these countries to undertake also Parochial duties when the Bishops desire it

The following are the Conditions for the Reception of Postulant Students :—

- I. Those only can be received who have a desire to prepare themselves to enter the Congregation of the most Holy Cross and Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- II. Those to be received must first be approved of by the Provincial. Besides this approbation they must bring—
 - a Certificates of Baptism, Confirmation, and general good conduct, signed by the Parish Priest or other competent authority ; and also a Certificate of sound constitution and good health, signed by a medical man ;

- b* A suitable outfit (*apply for Prospectus*);
- c* A sum of £1 10s. quarterly, payable in advance.

III. Postulants are kept in the Preparatory School until their elementary education and knowledge of Latin are sufficiently advanced to fit them for the noviciate. Those who fail to manifest the spirit necessary for the religious state, or the disposition to acquire it, may be sent away by the Provincial, but this must not be understood to involve in any way the character of the person dismissed.

IV. Those who have near relatives depending upon them, or likely to be dependent on them in the future, are earnestly dissuaded from entering the Congregation.

Age of Candidates:—

Candidates are admitted for the Priesthood :
from the age of 15.

For Lay-Brothers, from the age of 17.

Time of Noviciate:—

The Noviciate lasts one year, after which the Novice makes simple perpetual vows.

Course and Time of Studies:—

The ordinary higher studies last seven years :
two years' Philosophy ; four years'

Theology ; one year's Sacred Eloquence and Scripture.

Future Employment :—

The members of the Congregation are principally employed in giving Missions and Retreats.

They also undertake Parochial work

Postal Address of the Noviciate :—

Blessed Gabriel's Retreat, The Graan, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, Ireland.

The Noviciate House for the United States is at Pittsburg.

Other Establishments :—

England : Highgate Hill, London ; Broadway ; Harborne, near Birmingham ; Sutton, near St. Helen's ; Herne Bay ;

Wales : Cærmarchen ;

Scotland : Glasgow ;

Ireland : Dublin ; Belfast ;

America : Dunkirk, N.Y. ; West Hoboken, N.J. ; Baltimore, Md. ; Cincinnati, O. ; Louisville, Ky. ; etc., etc.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

England : Very Rev. Fr. Provincial, St. Joseph's Retreat, Highgate Hill, London, N. The rest as above,

Pères Blancs.

(Also called African Missionaries.)



Object of the Society :—

The Evangelization of Africa : Algiers, Tunis-Sudan, Belgian Congo, German East Africa, Uganda and the regions of Nyassa.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Solid health is required, especially free from any symptoms of hereditary disease. A medical certificate of good health must be produced.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

About £10, the amount of the travelling expenses to Algiers (North Africa).

Age of Candidates :—

For the Priesthood : from 16 to 35 years of age ;

Lay brothers, from 16 upwards,

Never to have been a member of any Order, Congregation, Society, etc., is in the case of a lay brother a condition *sine qua non*,

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

Candidates for the Priesthood must have finished their humanities and philosophy. Junior candidates (boys that have made their first communion) or that have not yet finished their studies, may gain admission to one or other of the Society's juvenates whence they can attend a college the syllabus of which includes the subjects they need.

For lay brothers the ordinary elementary education suffices.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Each Candidate must produce the Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation along with a reference of good conduct from the Parish Priest, or some other competent authority. A written consent from the parents or guardians is also required.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years. Lay brothers are given four months probation in one of the Society's establishments in France, Holland, Germany or Luxemburg respectively. In addition to the three Evangelical promises, the members of the Congregation make and sign a fourth, viz., to devote themselves for life to the African Missions.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Candidates for the Priesthood go through the ordinary course of higher studies ; they have four years of theology ; the last two years and a half are spent at Carthage.

Postal Address of Noviciate :—

Pères Blancs, Missionnaires d'Afrique, Maison Carrée, Algiers.

For Application or further information apply to :—

In France : Postulat de St. Laurent, d'Olt, Aveyron ;

In Belgium and Holland : House St. Charles, at Boxtel ;

In Luxemburg : Marienthal bei Mersch ;

In Germany ; Trier, Mosel.



Picpus Fathers.

(Fathers of the Sacred Hearts and of Perpetual Adoration.)



Object of the Congregation :—

The Object of the Congregation is :—

- a* Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and acts of reparation to Almighty God for all crimes and blasphemies ;
- b* Education of all classes ;
- c* Missionary work.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Aspirants must be healthy and intelligent enough to go through the ordinary course of studies and become useful members of the Congregation.

Pecuniary means required :—

In the interest of vocations the Congregation is willing to admit gratuitously, as far as means allow, boys who are not able to pay any pension and who desire to become missionaries, especially in the leper settlement at Molokai.

Candidates who have not completed their classical studies are admitted into the preparatory Damien Institute at Edgbaston, England.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

The usual certificates, viz. :—Baptism, Confirmation, and satisfactory references are required.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts 18 months and is made at Eccleshall, Birmingham, England.

Other Establishments :—

Besides the above two houses in England, the Congregation holds establishments—

In Belgium : In Louvain, Courtois, Aerschot and Tremoloo ;

In Holland : In Grave and Simpelveld ;

In South America : In Chili, Peru and Ecuador.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Father Superior, Eccleshall, Birmingham, England.

Pious Society of Missions.

(Pallottinians.)



Object of the Society :—

- a To convert the heathen, especially those of Africa ;
- b To revive the faith amongst lax Catholics ;
- c To practise works of charity.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates for the Priesthood should be 16 years of age at least ;

Lay brothers are admitted from about 22 years of age.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Candidates should defray their education expenses. Should, however, a candidate who has finished his classical studies, be unable to pay anything, this would not, in itself, debar him from admission.

For Priests who join the Society nothing is required.

Course and Time of Studies :—

A five years' course of classical studies, at least, must have been gone through before a candidate is admitted into philo-

sophy. The course of higher studies is from two to three years of philosophy and four years of theology ;

For lay brothers no special studies or training is required, but to know some useful trade is a *quasi* necessity.

Certificates, References, etc. :—

In addition to the usual Certificates and References such as Baptism and Confirmation Certificates, testimonials from the college authority and the Parish Priest, the applicant must produce a doctor's certificate of good health. He must also be free from any natural and visible deformity.

Time of Noviciate :—

A few weeks' probation is given in each case. This is followed by a two years' noviciate, after which the promise to observe the three Evangelical counsels of perfection for three years is made. It lies within the power of the General Superior to reduce the noviciate to one year.

The Society has its headquarters in Rome, and the Novice-house is in Germany, Ehrenbreitstein, a. Rhein.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Superior, Pallottiner Kloster,
Limburg, a. Lahn, Germany.

Premonstratensians.

also called

(Canons Regular of St. Norbert or White Canons.)

*Object of the Order :—*

As Canons, to sing the Divine Office in public ;
 as Religious, to promote their own sanctification ; as Priests, to have the *cura animarum*, to give missions and retreats, to promote devotion to the Holy Eucharist, and veneration to the Immaculate Mother of God.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Health must be sufficiently good to follow the Rule, the course of studies, etc. Candidates must also show good signs of a true vocation for the Religious life.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

The expenses of the Noviciate, as a rule, should be defrayed by the candidate. Exceptions are made, especially in the case of a promising and highly educated candidate.

Age of Candidates :—

For the Priesthood, candidates are accepted when they have completed their classical studies ;

Lay brothers may be admitted at any age.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

Candidates for the Priesthood are required to have completed the full college course of classical studies.

For lay brothers nothing special is required.

Certificates, References, etc. :—

- a Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation ;
- b References as stated in Canon Law, viz., from the Bishop of the Diocese and from the Parish Priest ;
- c A Medical Certificate of health.

Time of Noviciate :—

For all : two years' noviciates before the simple vows are taken ; three years more for solemn vows and for those who are preparing for the Priesthood ;

A longer period of time is given to lay brothers for the making of their solemn profession.

Course and Time of Studies :—

After the two years' noviciate the course of studies is : two years of philosophy, and four years of theology.

Future Employment:—

Employment may be given in the Abbey, in Parishes, or on the Missions.

Candidates must be willing to be employed as their Superiors shall deem it best.

Noviciate Houses:—

The Common Noviciate of one year for all the Abbeys of the Belgian Province is made at Tongerlo (Westerloo), Belgium. Three houses in England belong to the Belgian Province, and two to the French Province;

The second year of the Noviciate is made in the Abbey to which the novice belongs.

The Order holds Abbeys and Priors in Austria, Bohemia, Hungary, Belgium, Holland, England, United States of America, Canada, Brazil, Denmark, Africa (Congo and Madagascar).

For Application or further information, apply to:—

In England : Right Rev. Lord Abbot,
Corpus Christi Priory, Varley-street
Manchester.

Priests of St. Basil.

(Basilians.)



Object of the Congregation :—

The Object of the Congregation is a two-fold one :

a Teaching in colleges ;

b Missionary work.

The Congregation has no lay brothers. All candidates are to become Priests when duly qualified.

Health and respective qualifications :—

A candidate must enjoy health sufficiently strong to follow the community life.

No pecuniary means are required for admission.

Age at which candidates are accepted :—

Candidates are admitted from the age of eighteen upwards.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

A full secondary education is required.

Certificates, References, &c., required :—

In addition to the usual Certificates such as extracts of Baptism and Confirmation, the

candidate must produce testimonials from the colleges where he received his education, and also from the Bishop of the Diocese.

Time of Noviciate :—

The time of Noviciate is one full year.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The higher studies last from four to five years.

Postal Address of Noviciate :—

St. Basil's Noviciate, Deer Park, Ontario, Canada.

The Basilian Fathers have several Colleges and Missions in Canada, Texas and the United States.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Provincial, St. Michael's College,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



Priests Regular of St. Paul.

(Barnabites).



Object of the Congregation :—

The object of the Congregation of the Priests Regular of St. Paul is chiefly the cure of souls and the education of youth in the "incorporated" parishes within the provinces of Austria, Italy and France.

Age of Candidates :—

The Congregation has no fixed rules as regards age. Subjects of any age and of any rank may find admission.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Although it is desirable that a candidate should contribute according to his means, yet no charge is made for admission.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Applicants must be of good health and have a fairly strong constitution.

Course and Time of Studies:—

The ordinary course of humanities is required.

The Congregation provides a four years' course of theology.

Time of Noviciate:—

The Noviciate lasts one year.

N.P. —The objects of the founders, three Italian gentlemen of good family, were:—
To form the lives of Christians after the model of the Epistles of St. Paul and to provide ministers for the Confessional, the pulpit, the education of youth in colleges and seminaries; and the conducting of missions.

For Application or further information, apply to:—

Barnabiten - Congregation, Wien, I. Habs-
burgergasse 12. Austria.



Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*



Object of the Congregation :—

The Congregation's purpose mainly consists in offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus the worship of love and amends our Lord requested from the Blessed Margaret Mary, viz. :—The Adoration of the Holy Sacrament, daily acts of self-denial and communion with the Sacred Heart, public penance, Mass and Communion of Reparation, etc.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates must be of good health sufficiently strong to carry on the main observances of the rule of Community life. Lay brothers must have health and strength enough to become useful members of the Congregation.

*The members of this Congregation amount to three hundred. Three Noviciates belong to it. One is situated at "Meslin-Evêque," in Belgium, which admits the French and Belgians ; The two others are in Holland, one at "Sittard," receiving Germans, and the other at "Asten" for the Dutch.

The Congregation has recently been divided into two Provinces :

- (a) The Eastern part, the members of which have to be Germans, Austrians and Swiss ;
- (b) The Western part, on behalf of the other nations,

Pecuniary means required for Admission:—

Pecuniary means, however desirable and needful they may be, are not essential for admission. The Congregation gladly admits young, promising boys, with a vocation, who may become aspirants in their Apostolic schools or be admitted into the Noviciates. A hearty welcome is also extended to priests who feel themselves called to the Monastic life.

In order to enable them to supply the missions the Congregation is about to found in England, Canada and North America, English-speaking candidates, with a vocation, are urgently needed.

Preparatory Training or Studies:—

For Priesthood: it is necessary that the aspirant be able to go through the ordinary course of studies required for same;

For lay brothers, nothing special is required for admission.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation, and references as stated in Canon Law, must be produced.

Establishments :—

The Priests of the Sacred Heart have *seven* establishments in Belgium with their Mother-House at Ixelles-Bruxelles, where also resides the Procurator of the Missions for the Congo Colony. They have also houses in Holland, Luxemburg, Austria, Finland, Italy, in the Brazils and in the Belgian Congo.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

Very Rev. Superior, 26 Rue Eugène Cattoir,
Bruxelles, Belgium.



Redemptorists.

(Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.)



Object of the Congregation :—

The chief object of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer is the Evangelization of the poor and neglected by Missions, and of all classes by Retreats

Health and respective qualifications :—

A Candidate for the Priesthood should be without hereditary dispositions to serious disease, and should have a constitution sufficiently strong to support common rule, and the fatigue of missionary life.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

For Priesthood : it is for the Provincial to decide, according to circumstances ;

For lay brother, no pecuniary means are required as a condition of admission, but a candidate should be robust and industrious.

Age of Candidates :—

Boys for the preparatory school are admitted from fourteen This school, called *juvenate*, is only for subjects for the Redemptorist noviciate.

Subjects for higher studies are admitted from eighteen upwards.

Lay brothers are admitted from about seventeen to twenty-five years of age.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

a Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation;

b Testimonials as to Studies completed ;

c Satisfactory References from Priests to whom the Candidate is well known, as to good character, piety and vocation

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate for Choir Novices, *i.e.*, for Candidates for the Priesthood: lasts one year ;

Lay brothers, have a regular and fairly long noviciate, according to circumstances.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The course of higher Studies, beginning with Philosophy, lasts six years : two years' philosophy and four years' theology.

Postal Address of Houses :—

In the British Isles there are two provinces

with several houses (see English and Irish Directories); it is best to write to Provincials :—

Provincial of English Province : St. Mary's,
Clapham, London, S.W. ;

Provincial of Irish Province, which includes
Houses in Australia and New Zealand :
Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick,

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Very Rev. Fathers Provincial (as
above).



Rosminians.

(Also known as the Institute or Order of
Fathers of Charity.)



Object of the Institute:—

Primarily, the sanctification and salvation of its members ;

Secondly, works of charity of any description to which Providence may call them, and which they are able to undertake.

Health and respective qualifications:—

Freedom from such defects as would prevent a Candidate from following the common life (in which no austerities are prescribed by rule), and from becoming a useful member of the Institute.

Applicants must also be of good sound mind and sociable disposition.

Pecuniary means required for Admission:—

It is desirable that all should contribute according to their means. Exceptions may be made, especially in the case of a candidate well recommended for his talents and other qualities.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates are admitted at the age of sixteen and upwards.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

- a* The ordinary College course as gone through at Ratcliffe College, Leicester, St. Bede's, Manchester, or other secondary Schools ;
- b* Boys between the ages of thirteen and sixteen are admitted into the *Juniorate* of the Institute, St. Mary's, Rugby.

For lay brother no special training is required.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Certificates of Baptism, Confirmation and a Reference from the Parish Priest or spiritual director must be produced.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years for all.

Course and Time of Studies :—

- a* For Priesthood : two years' philosophy, four years' theology ;
- b* For Secondary Teachers : University Course ;
- c* For Elementary Teachers : Training College,

Future Employment:—

- a* Priests : care of souls, missions, retreats, preaching and any priestly ministrations.
- b* Professors (whether Priests or Brothers) : teaching or other duties in Colleges, Schools, or Institutions ;
- c* Lay brothers : indoor or outdoor work in the community houses of the Institute.

Postal Address of Houses:—

Juniorate, St. Marie's, Rugby ;

English Noviciate, The Mount, Wadhurst, Sussex ;

Irish Noviciate, St. Michael's, Omeath, near Newry,

Other Establishments (Anglo-Irish Province) :—

College, Ratcliffe College, Leicester ;

Reformatory School, St. William's, Market Weighton, Yorkshire ;

Industrial Schools, St. Patrick's, Upton, Co. Cork ; St. Joseph's, Clonmel.

The Fathers are also in charge of a number of Missions (*see Directories*).

For Application or further information, apply to :

The Father Provincial, St. Marie's, Rugby, or to the Rectors of Wadhurst or Omeath (as above).

Salesians.



Object of the Congregation :—

Every work of charity, both spiritual and temporal, in connection with boys' boarding schools, colleges, orphanages, home and foreign missions, retreats, etc.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health and ability for the necessary studies are indispensable ;

Lay brothers must have sufficient health and talent to become useful members of the Congregation.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Candidates for the Priesthood are expected to pay for their preliminary education ;

No pecuniary means are required for admission as a lay brother.

Age of Candidates :—

As a rule candidates must not be under sixteen, and not over thirty years of age

Those who wish to be lay brothers must not be over forty.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

Candidates for the Priesthood should have a good secondary education, including a sound knowledge of Latin ;

For lay brothers, an ordinary elementary education suffices.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Applicants must produce Certificates of Birth, Baptism, Confirmation, and good Health. A Reference from the Parish Priest is also required.

Time of Noviciate :—

For Priesthood: the Noviciate lasts one year ;

For lay brother, two years.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Candidates for the Priesthood study philosophy for three years, after which three more are employed in teaching, and in the study of the classics. Four years are afterwards devoted to the study of theology.

Future Employment :—

Teaching, Parish Work, Retreats and Foreign Missions.

Establishments :—

Salesian School, Surrey lane. Battersea, London, S.W. ; Wandsworth ; Shadwell ; Farnborough ; Burwash ; Chertsey.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Father Provincial, or the Rector a
Battersea.

Salvatorians.



Object of the Society :—

The members of the Society of the Divine Saviour dedicate themselves by the three religious vows to their own sanctification and to the salvation of others.

Taking the Divine Saviour as their leader, their task is to work and labour for all those great interests for which He in His life on earth lived and toiled and suffered.

The Society being divided into four provinces has houses in different countries of Europe ; in North and South America ; and has a foreign mission in India. The Fathers are employed in directing the studies of the young members of the Society ; in the sacred ministry and parish work, the instruction of youth, and the direction of spiritual retreats ; preaching missions ; and in literary and art works. They are also at work in the Prefecture Apostolic of Assam, India

Health and respective qualifications : —

Aspirants must enjoy a general good health, and especially be free from any symptoms of consumption. A vocation for a religious life is absolutely necessary for admission.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Scholastics have to make an annual contribution of £20 towards their maintenance until they have made their perpetual vows. Postulants who cannot afford to pay this sum, may, under certain circumstances, be allowed to hold one of the Society's pious scholarships.

For lay brother, no pecuniary means are required for postulant's admission.

Age of Candidates :—

Postulants aspiring to the priesthood are accepted from the age of thirteen upwards. Candidates of a more advanced age may also be admitted if there is foundation for hope of success ;

For lay brothers, postulants are accepted from the age of sixteen upwards,

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

Candidates who believe they have a vocation for the priesthood must have successfully passed the requisite studies, or, at least, be endowed with the necessary talents that will enable them to pass these studies with success.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Will be stated on application.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate for both Scholastics and Brothers lasts one year.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The course of studies comprises about six years of humanities, two years of philosophy, and four years of theology.

Future Employment :—

The future employment will depend on each one's capabilities and the requirements of the Society, and will be in one of the different spheres of work in the Society. There is no obligation for any member to go to Foreign Missions.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

England :

The Very Rev. Father Superior, Salvatorian House, Wealdstone (Harrow), Middlesex. (others as above).

Servites.



Object of the Order :—

The Object of the Order of the "Friars Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary" is both contemplative and active, *i.e.*, Choir Office, Sacred Study, and Apostolic Work.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates must enjoy health sufficiently strong to carry on the main observances of the rule, and to become useful members. They must also have a fixed determination to devote themselves to the service of God in the Order.

Age of Candidates :—

For the Priesthood : Candidates are admitted between the ages of 18 and 22 ;

For lay brothers, no age is specified.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

The Order does not ask for any dowry, but candidates should defray, if possible, all outfit expenses up to the noviciate, inclusive.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

For the Priesthood : Applicants must have finished all classical studies ;

For lay brothers, no special training is required.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts one year, at the end of which simple vows are taken, to be followed by solemn vows after three years ;

Lay brothers are, previous to their admission into the Noviciate, *oblats* for one year or more.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The course of Studies for the Priesthood consists of the usual *curriculum*, i.e., two years' philosophy and four years' theology.

Postal Address of English Noviciate and House of Studies :—

Begbroke, near Oxford.

Other Establishments :—

In England, the Order has also establishments at Fulham road, London ; Fordbridge, Hampshire ; Bognor, Sussex ;

In America, at Assumption, Chicago ; St. Juliana's, Delta, Denver ; and Granville, Milwaukee.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The above addresses respectively.

Society of Jesus.

(usually called Jesuits).



Object of the Society :—

In addition to the general end of personal sanctification, the Object of the Society is :
To instruct the ignorant ; to educate youth ; to conduct missions and retreats ; sacred studies ; the cure of souls ; and all that falls within the scope of the sacerdotal ministry.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Applicant's health must be qualified to be at least normal, so as to give hope of his becoming a useful member of the Society ;

To have worn the habit of, or made profession in, any other religious Order, Society, etc., is an impediment to entering the Society, and requires a dispensation.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Pecuniary means are not essential for admission provided the qualifications of a candidate being satisfactory.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates for the Priesthood may be admitted between the ages of 15 and 40 ;
 Lay brothers, as a rule, are admitted from 20 to 30 years of age.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

For the Priesthood ; the ordinary course of humanities is required (the latter may either be begun or completed in one of the various colleges belonging to the Society) ;
For lay brother, no special training is required.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Candidates must produce :

- a* Extracts of Baptism and Confirmation ;
- b* **A** medical certificate of health ;
- c* Testimonials as to conduct, studies, etc.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years, both for Priests and Brothers. At the end of the Noviciate the simple (first) vows are made.

The Society is divided into four classes :—

- 1. *Novices* ;
- 2. *Scholastics and lay brothers* (under simple vows) ;

3 *Coadjutors* (under simple vows), spiritual, *i.e.*, priests; temporal, *i.e.*, brothers;

4 *The Professed*, who are all Priests.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The course of higher studies is : three years' philosophy and four years' theology.

Future Employment :—

Priests ; to have the cure of souls ; to preach ; to teach ; to give missions or retreats ; to do literary or mission work at home or abroad.

Establishments :—

The Society has a number of Professed Houses, Colleges, Noviciates, and Mission Stations called Residences.

For address of Houses, Colleges etc., etc., see Catholic Directories.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

England :

Very Rev. Father Provincial, S J., Farm-street, London, or to any of their residences.

Society of the Word of God.

(German Foreign Mission Society).



Object of the Society :—

The Society has for its object the Evangelisation chiefly of the heathen nations. Its mission-fields are in : China, Togoland, Japan, Argentine, Aquator, etc.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates for the Priesthood may be admitted from the ages of twelve or thirteen upwards. The classical, philosophical as well as theological studies are either begun or completed in the Society's own Institutes.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

In addition to the outfit and the necessary books, the education expenses amounting to about £25 per annum, should be defrayed by the Candidate up to the last three or four years, at least *i.e.*, until profession. A reduction in the pension, or a possible gratuitous admission may be obtained for good reasons ;

For lay brothers, the work which they do is reputed as a pension.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Good health, able to stand the hardships of tropical climates, is absolutely necessary. Capability to study, and in the case of a lay brother, to perform manual labour, is also required.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Besides a Medical Certificate of Health, there should accompany the application : Baptismal and Confirmation Extracts, Testimonials as to studies completed, a *curriculum vitæ*, a statement of the amount that can be paid annually towards the education expenses, a photograph bearing the applicant's signature, and a reference from a Priest to whom the candidate is well known.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate, which is begun after philosophy, lasts one year, at the end of which simple vows are taken.

Course and Time of Studies :—

The higher studies last ordinarily seven years, including the Noviciate.

Postal Address of Houses of Studies :—

Juvenile : Missionshaus, Steyl, Holland ;

Ecclesiastical Seminary :

Missionshaus St Gabriel, Mödling,
Wien.

For Application or further information apply to :—

Very Rev. Superiors of the above (respectively).



Sons of Mary Immaculate.



Object of the Congregation :—

To honour the Word Incarnate and His Immaculate Mother; and to promote the knowledge and love of them, by the following means :—

1. Secondary Education of Youth in Colleges ;
2. Missionary work in France and in British Colonies.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Candidates must be healthy, free from hereditary diseases, good tempered, diligent, steady and pious, and they must show probable signs of a religious vocation.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

Besides a suitable outfit, if the candidate cannot defray the expenses for his education in the Preparatory Training School, he must at least pay £5 for travelling expenses.

The applicant for the Noviciate must pay £20 for the 12 months of the Noviciate course.

Age of Candidates:—

Candidates for the Priesthood may be accepted from 18 to 21 years of age ;

Candidates desirous to be lay brothers may be received between the ages of 18 and 30.

Preparatory Training or Studies required:—

Six years of preparatory training are required. They may be either begun or completed in the Apostolic School, near Brussels, Belgium.

Certificates, References, etc., required:—

1. A Certificate from the Priest who presents the Candidate ;
2. A Certificate from the Applicant's Parents or Guardians :—

- (a) Entrusting the boy to the Society ;
- (b) Giving him free liberty to follow his vocation ;
- (c) Promising to take him back, without any extra charge, if for some reason he be not deemed fit.

(*Questionnaire* will be supplied on application).

Time of Noviciate:—

One year for all.

Course and Time of Studies:—

The Course of Studies is the ordinary one :

Two years' philosophy and four years' theology.

Postal Address of Apostolic School:—

Ecole Apostolique, des fils de Marie Immaculée, à Bellinghen-lez-Hal (Belgium).

Other Establishments:—

Belmont House, Shaftesbury, Dorset, England ;

Dominica, St. Lucia, British West Indies ;
Canada, two centres of Missions, and a
School ; Venezuela, a College in Caraças.

For Application or further information, apply to:—

England :

Very Rev. Superior General of F.M.I.,
Belmont, Shaftesbury.



Sons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Object of the Congregation :—

The Object of the Sons of the Sacred Heart is to attend by the Divine grace not only to their own sanctification and perfection, but also to entirely devote themselves to the conversion of the Negroes of Central Africa (properly speaking, of the Negroes of the English Sudan), and of other peoples entrusted to them by the Sacred Congregation "*de Propaganda Fide*."

Health and respective qualifications :—

It is required :

- a That Candidates should have good physical health and a sound and consistent character ;
- b That Candidates are born in lawful wedlock, have been habitually of good behaviour, and are free from debts, etc. ;
- c That Candidates have not belonged to another religious body and have a sincere will of becoming Religious and devoting themselves for ever to Missionary work.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

For admission, either as Priests or lay Brothers, pecuniary means are not required, though,

in fact, they are not refused. However, every candidate, whether student or brother, should be furnished with a good stock of linen (books or tools, if possible), and should bring with him as much money as necessary for returning home in case of dislike of his chosen career, or on account of some other reason.

Age of Candidates :—

Candidates, either for the Priesthood or for the lay brotherhood must be not less than 15 and not more than 30 years of age. Exceptions are made in some particular cases on account of some special qualifications.

Preparatory Training or Studies required :—

- a* Candidates for the Priesthood ought to have completed all classics, *i.e.*, to be ready for the study of philosophy and theology ;
- b* Of Candidates for the lay brotherhood, no special studies are required. Yet, an open mind and a right and practical sense, the knowledge of some mechanical art, a sufficient education and aptitude for learning foreign languages is required.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

1. Certificate of birth ;

2. Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation ;
3. Certificate of good, physical health ;
4. Certificate of good behaviour by his Parish Priest or Spiritual Director ;
5. Certificates of studies made, examinations passed, etc.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years. During this period of time, Candidates are allowed to apply themselves, with some restrictions, to their respective studies, to learn the languages necessary for the missions. etc.

Candidates to be lay brothers, *i.e.*, *Oblates*, are employed in works of different kinds in order to get themselves ready for the Missions.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Candidates for the Priesthood apply themselves regularly to their higher studies, languages, etc.

The ordinary course is : three years' philosophy and four years' theology.

Postal Address of Institutes :—

1. Italy ;

Right Rev. F. General Superior, African Missions, Verona ;

2. England :

Very Rev. **Father Superior**, St. Ethelbert's College, Main-road, Sidcup, Kent ;

3. Austria :

Very Rev. **Father Superior**, African Missions, Milland, Brixen, Austria.

Establishments :—

The Mother-house of the Congregation is at Verona. Italy, the residence of the Right Rev. General Superior and his staff. Here is the noviciate and the training college for Priests and lay brothers. There is another Noviciate with a training college at Milland, Brixen, Austria. At Brescia, North of Italy, there is a third establishment, with a college for boys who are candidates for the Missions.

The Congregation has a number of establishments in Africa ; also at Cairo, Egypt ; Assuan, Sudan ; Khartoum, Sudan ; and many others.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Right Rev. **General Superior**, African Missions, Verona, Italy ; or the Rev. **Father Superior**, St. Ethelbert's College, Main-road, Sidcup, Kent, England.

The Third Order or Tertiaries.*



Object of the Third Order :—

The Third Order is “a form of life,” instituted by St. Francis of Assisi, and approved by the Church for lay people of both sexes, married or single, that they “may more easily obtain eternal salvation” by promising “to observe all the time of their life, the commandments of God and the rule of the Third Order.”

The Rule does not bind under sin, and it is compatible with one's secular duties. Lay associations of this kind are attached also to the Orders of the Dominicans, Carmelites, Augustinians (Austin Friars), Servites, etc.

Several religious congregations have been formed, in the course of time out of these lay Tertiaries, of both sexes, who live in community, and bind themselves by the vows of poverty, chastity,

*The end of the Third Order is twofold : in the individual, it aims at his personal sanctity and perfection according to the station, rank, or condition he holds in the world. Considered as a society, it is intended to become, in parishes where a Congregation of the Third Order has been canonically established, a centre or focus of spiritual strength and activity : to revive Christian morality at home and abroad, and further the interests, spiritual and temporal, of the parish.”

and obedience. Their life is both active and contemplative, and the members occupy themselves in works of charity.

The Third Order secular is called an Order because "it has its own special Rule, approved by the Holy See, its noviciate, its profession, and a habit of definite form and material." (Benedict XIII., *Paterna Sedis*).

Age and other qualifications :—

It is forbidden to admit any one as a member unless he or she be more than *fourteen* years of age, of good morals, of peaceable disposition and above all, exact in the practice of the Catholic religion, and of tried obedience to the Roman Church and Apostolic See.

Married women are not to be admitted without the knowledge and consent of their husbands: if it is thought this knowledge and consent should in any way be dispensed with, it should only be done with the approval of the spiritual director who is the judge of the conscience of the woman.

Time of Noviciate, Profession, etc. :—

The Noviciate lasts one year for all, at the end of which the postulant makes his profes-

sion in the hands of the Father Director, Visitor or any other authorised priest, who is to enter the newly professed Brother or Sister in the register of the Congregation.

Tertiaries Rule. Obligations, etc. :—

- a* To observe the laws of God and to obey the Church ;
- b* To recite daily the office of the twelve *Paters*, *Aves*, and *Glorias*, except when prevented by sickness.
- c* To wear the Scapular and Cord (Members who do not wear the Scapular and Cord are deprived of all rights and privileges) ;
- d* Monthly Confession and Communion ;
- e* To attend the Monthly Meeting ;
- f* To fast on the vigils of the Immaculate Conception and of St. Francis, in addition to keeping the fasts of the Church.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

The Fathers of the respective Orders or to the Clergy of the Parish.

Vincentians.

(also called Congregation of the Missions
or Lazarists).



Object of the Congregation :—

The main Object of this Congregation is :
to preach the Gospel to the poor and
abandoned, and to convert the heathen and
the heretic. The Fathers also preach
missions and retreats, direct seminaries and
colleges, etc.

Health and respective qualifications :—

Applicants must be of good health, free from
hereditary disease and other disabilities.

Pecuniary means required for Admission :—

No pecuniary means are required of Candi-
dates who have finished their preparatory
studies, *i e.*, all classics.

Boys who enter the Juniorate should, if
possible, defray the education and outfit
expenses.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

Extracts of Baptism and Confirmation ;
Medical Certificate of health ; Testimonials
as to studies completed ; a reference from
a Priest or spiritual director as to character,
piety and vocation.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts *two* years

Lay brothers have a short postulancy previous to their entering into the Noviciate.

Course and Time of Studies :—

Before ordination, candidates go through a six years' course of study,—philosophy, theology, holy scripture, etc.

Lay brothers should either know or be able to acquire some useful trade such as tailoring, shoe making, joinery, etc.

Postal Address of Noviciate House :—

Irish Province: St. Joseph's, Blackrock, Dublin.

Other Establishments :—

America: St. Vincent's Seminary, Philadelphia; Mount Hope Retreat Baltimore; St. John's Seminary and College, Brooklyn; La Salle, Peoria; St. Vincent's Church, Seminary and Missions in the Diocese of St. Louis, etc.;

The Fathers have also several houses and missions in Australia.

For Application or further information, apply to :—

England: Very Rev Father Superior,
St Joseph's, Blackrock, Dublin;

America; see above.

Xaverian Brothers.



Object of the Congregation:—

Sanctification of its members and the
Christian Education of youth ;

The Brothers devote themselves to the all-important work of Religious Education, and are earnestly desirous of increasing their numbers in order that they may the more effectually assist the Bishops and Clergy to meet the imperative need of providing more Secondary Schools for our Catholic Boys.

Health and respective qualifications:—

A Medical Certificate of general good health is required. Also readiness of disposition to fulfil duties allotted by Superiors.

Pecuniary means required for Admission:—

Pecuniary means, however desirable they may be, are not essential for admission.

The Brothers will gladly accept young men and boys for a period of three months' probation, if need be without payment though the Rules prescribe that, where possible, a nominal charge should be made.

Age of Candidates :—

Postulants are admitted at the age of *fifteen* and upwards.

Preparatory Training or Studies :—

Should the Candidate prove suitable and desire to persevere, he will be trained in the duties and obligations of his future double capacity as Religious and Teacher.

Certificates, References, etc., required :—

The necessary qualifications for admission are:

1. A letter of recommendation from a Priest ;
2. A Baptismal Certificate ;
3. In the case of minors, the written consent of parents or guardians.

Time of Noviciate :—

The Noviciate lasts two years and is followed by profession, and the taking of the vows.

The Brothers would also be glad to receive young men and boys who — though wishing to enter the Religious State — have not either the desire or the necessary intellectual gifts to become Teachers. Such persons might discharge the very useful and important domestic duties of the Community.

Postal Address of Noviciate :—

Xaverian College, Queen's Park, Brighton.

Other Establishments :—

England : Xaverian College, Clapham Common, London ; Catholic Collegiate Institute, Victoria Park, Manchester ; Xaverian Brothers' School, Mayfield, Sussex.

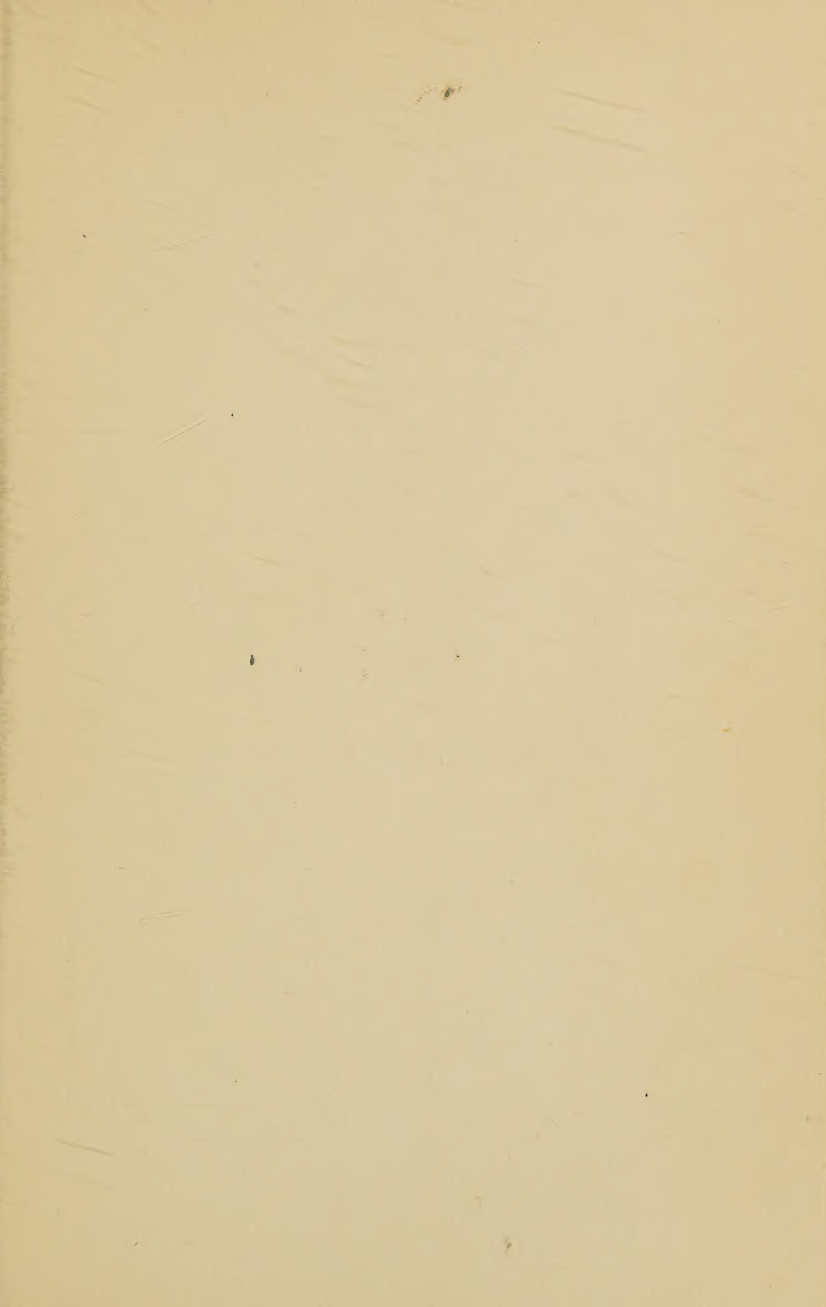
America : School, Noviciate, and College at Carroll ; Schools at Baltimore ; Louisville ; Richmond ; Springfield ; Boston, etc.

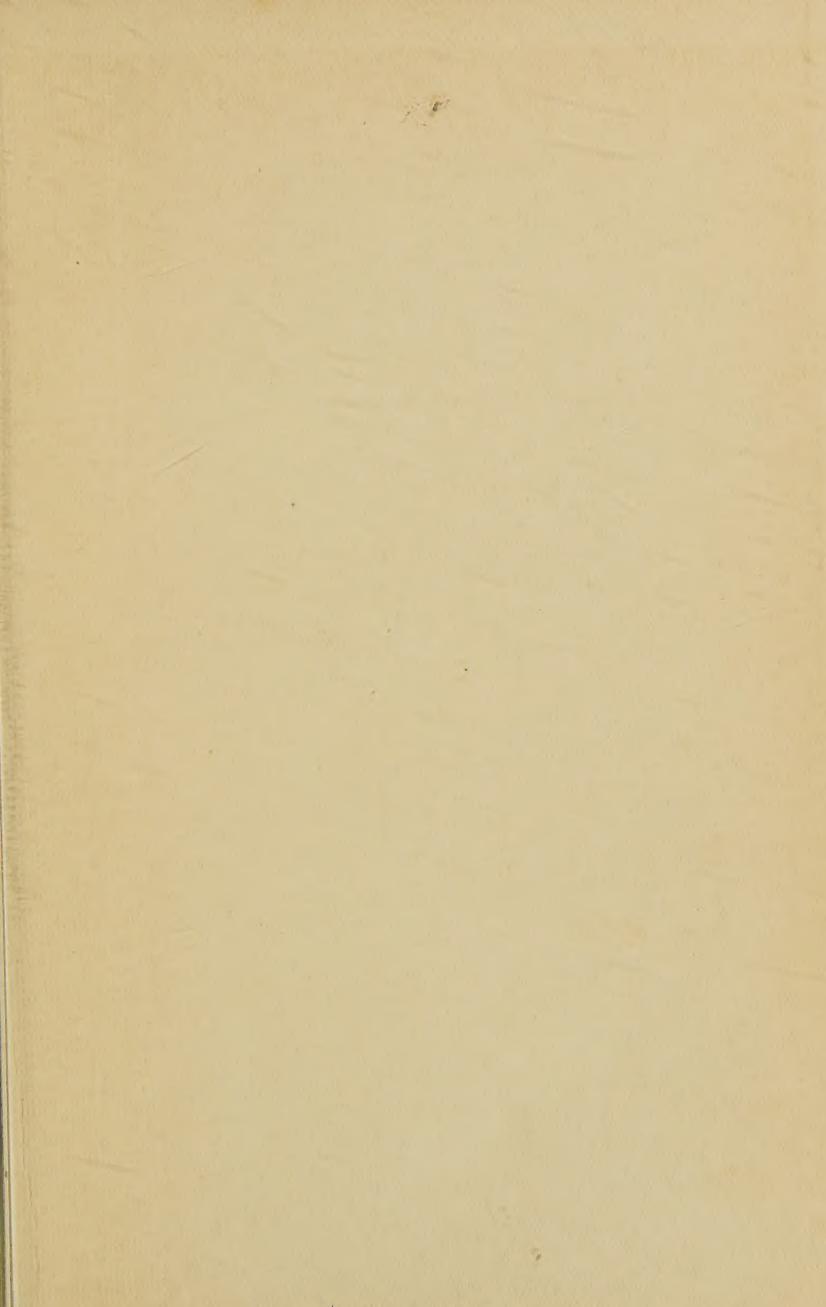
For Application or further information, apply to :—

England : Rev. Brother Provincial, Xaverian College, Brighton

America : see above.







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